



### Case on UK-based prof for 'provoking' groups in Manipur

A police complaint has been filed in Imphal against UK-based computer science professor of Indian descent Uday Reddy, alleging that his social media activity provoked ethnic tensions in violence-stricken Manipur. The FIR against Reddy of University of Birmingham was lodged by a local resident at Imphal police station, citing his posts on X. **P 16**

### NHRC notice over Foxconn 'bias'

NHRC has taken suo motu cognisance of reported discrimination by Foxconn for allegedly "systematically excluding" married women from jobs at its iPhone assembly plant in TN. It issued notices to the Union labour ministry and Tamil Nadu govt. **P 14**

### 9 devotees killed in Bolero-truck collision

Nine people, including six women and two children, were killed and four others injured in a head-on collision between a Bolero and a truck in Karauli district Monday. The Bolero, filled with devotees, was returning from Kaila Devi Mata temple in the district. **P 7**

### Car hits truck on KMP, 4 of family die

Four people died, and two others suffered severe injuries when a Maruti Ertiga collided with a canter-truck on KMP away in Farrukhnagar on Monday. The impact of the collision was so severe that the car was completely shattered. The truck driver is on the run. **P 7**

# Rahul's 'Hindu' remarks spark fiery face-off with PM in Parl

## As Treasury Benches Protest, He Says, 'Aap Hindu Ho Hi Nahi'

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New Delhi: The much-awaited showdown between Narendra Modi and Rahul Gandhi unfolded in dramatic fashion in Lok Sabha on Monday with the newly-appointed leader of opposition saying, "those who call themselves Hindus indulge in hatred, violence and untruths 24x7", drawing a strong rebuttal from the PM.

Rahul's remarks, during the debate on the motion of thanks on the President's address, inflamed what was already building up as an intense duel. Modi immediately got up

### RAHUL SHOULD APOLOGISE, SAYS SHAH

**Rahul Gandhi** | Shivji says *daro mat, darao mat* (don't be afraid, don't scare anyone), shows the *abhay mudra* (right hand held upright, palm facing outwards), talks about ahimsa, but those who call themselves Hindus indulge in hatred, violence and untruths 24x7

**PM Modi** | This issue is very serious. Calling the entire Hindu community violent is a serious issue

**Rahul** | Modi ji, BJP, RSS are not entire Hindu community... Yeh theka nahi hai BJP ka (BJP hasn't taken contract for the community)

**Amit Shah** | He (Rahul) has categorically said those who call themselves Hindus engage in violence. Crores of people in the country proudly call themselves Hindus. Are they all speaking about violence... I believe he should apologise

**Rajinath corrects Rahul on Agniveer compensation, P 10**

to protest, saying, "Calling the entire Hindu community violent is a serious issue."

Rahul shot back, "Modiji, BJP, RSS are not the entire Hindu community... A Hindu

can never spread violence or fear or hatred." As treasury benches protested, he said, "Aap Hindu ho hi nahi".

**First speech as LOP, P 20**

### RS chair scraps Kharage remarks on RSS, BJP

Congress president and leader of opposition Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday made allegations against RSS and BJP and their roles in various spheres, including education, prompting chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar to expunge the remarks.

"Is it a crime to be a member of any organisation? You are saying that an organisation took over. This is absolutely wrong. Suppose a person is a member of RSS, is it a crime in itself? What is communal about this?" Dhankhar said. Kharge was speaking during the debate on the motion of thanks on the President's address. **P 14**

## July monsoon rain likely to be 'above normal', says IMD

### Prospects For Aug-Sept Also Look 'Good'

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New Delhi: After deficit rains in June, monsoon in July is most likely to be 'above normal' in India except in parts of northeast, east UP, west Bihar and south peninsula, IMD said on Monday. It also said that northwest India recorded its warmest June this year, reporting the highest maximum (day) and mean temperatures for the month in records since 1901.

The forecast of above-normal rains (over 106% of long period average) in July could mean beginning of brisk kharif (summer sown crops) sowing operations in the month,

### RAIN CHECK

► June rainfall in India was **11% below normal**

► **July Forecast** | Rains likely to be above normal at over **106% of long period avg**

### HEAT RECORDS

► **Hottest June on record in northwest India**

► Both June avg maximum and avg mean temp in region highest since 1901, avg minimum second highest

► **Warmest June on record in east & NE India** in terms of minimum temps

which may eventually lead to overall normal acreage in the season — a key to better prospects for foodgrain output. IMD also expects fairly good rains in monsoon's second half (Aug-Sept) due to emergence of La Nina conditions.

► **Good rainfall, P 20**

## First time in 3 yrs, monthly GST rise <10%

Goods and services tax (GST) collections grew 7.7% in June to Rs 1,74,000 crore, the first time in three years when monthly mop-up rose at single-digit rate. The collection in May 2024 was Rs 1.73 lakh crore.

Central GST and state GST (combined) show an 8% rise to Rs 73,134 crore, indicating a slower increase in integrated GST levied on imports and inter-state sales and cesses. IGST and compensation cess data were not released by govt.

Foreign trade has remained weak due to depressed prices for several commodities. During the first quarter, the kitty is estimated to have swollen by 10.2% to Rs 5,57,006 crore. Since Dec, monthly collections have risen by 10-12%. **P 19**

## Patkar gets 5-month jail in LG defamation case

New Delhi: A city court on Monday sentenced activist Medha Patkar (70) to five months of simple imprisonment in a criminal defamation case filed by Delhi LG VK Saxena.

The court of metropolitan magistrate Raghav Sharma took note of the activist's age and medical condition but observed these factors "do not absolve her of the serious nature of her offence", reports Vineet Upadhyay.

The court directed Patkar to pay Rs 10 lakh as compensation to LG Saxena, saying the imposition of the substantial fine recognises the "extensive harm and prolonged suffering the complainant had endured over the 23-24 years of legal battle" and was a tangible acknowledgement of his distress.

**False charges, P 5**

## 'Tweets defamatory': HC asks TMC MP to pay ₹50L

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New Delhi: The Delhi high court directed Trinamool Congress MP Saket Gokhale on Monday to apologise and pay Rs 50 lakh in damages to former diplomat Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri, the wife of Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri, for his defamatory tweets against her over the purchase of a property in Switzerland.

Upholding the charges of defamation filed by the former assistant secretary general of United Nations as valid, Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani also restrained

**TMP MP's claims, P 20**

### 'APOLOGISE IN TWT'

► Delhi HC finds Trinamool MP Saket Gokhale's tweets about ex-diplomat **Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri**, wife of Union minister **Hardeep Singh Puri**, defamatory

► Tweets were on her buying a **property in Switzerland**

► Gokhale directed to **publish apology on his X handle** and prominently in **Delhi edition of The Times of India**

Gokhale from publishing any more content on any social media or electronic platform on this matter.

## INDIA BEATS SOUTH AFRICA AGAIN



The Indian women's cricket team celebrates after inflicting a crushing 10-wicket defeat on South Africa in the one-off Test in Chennai on Monday. 'Player of the Match' Sneha Rana became the first Indian female spinner to claim 10 wickets in Test cricket. Shafali Verma, who had scored the fastest double-century on Friday, also claimed her maiden Test wicket. This is India's second 10-wicket triumph in Tests after a similar win over Proteas at Paarl in 2002. **Men's team stranded in Barbados due to hurricane | P 22**

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# How investigators responded to first day of calls

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New Delhi: A policeman at a police station in northeast Delhi responded to a shooting call at 12.50am on July 1. It was amongst city's first call following the rollout of the newly codified criminal laws on the first day of July. Although he had trained well and undertaken dummy exercises to deal with the change, the cop felt the pressure to get it right in the real world.  
On receiving the call, the 27-year-old cop entered a brief description and noted the Daily Diary Entry in E-Pranman, the police app. He then reached the location and recorded a video using the app, geo-tagged the spot and provided a brief description in one of the columns. The video

was subsequently uploaded to the centralised video pool at Police Headquarters. Following this, the policeman recorded the seizure memo and uploaded it. Upon completing the final upload, a certificate under Section 63(4) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the replacement of the Indian Penal Code, was generated. The entire process took a few hours.  
"There was a mix of excitement and a little nervousness," the policeman told TOI. "At the crime spot, the first thing I did was record or photograph the scene. This was the first time I was doing so. Every single frame required for investigation was recorded and then uploaded on the app, all in real time."  
It was also the first time that the investigator didn't



EXTENDING A HELPING HAND

use a pen and paper at the crime spot. "My mobile phone was my main tool and every single thing was videographed

in sequence," he said. "I won't need to sift through a thick bunch of papers to check any point during inves-

tigation. Everything is stored in the app, which cannot be tampered with or misplaced." He also said that in case there was no internet connectivity, the investigating officers were given 48 hours to upload the details once they re-entered internet areas.  
He added, "Even after many years, if I just key in the FIR number, I will get all the details of the case. The accused cannot now claim that the evidence was planted or tampered with and it will also be legally acceptable." A video of a length of 15 minutes can be uploaded at a time.  
TOI accompanied another investigating officer to a theft call. The cop explained to the victim the new laws and the procedure they were to adopt. The scene was videographed and the complainant

was informed about the process that had been set into being and the BNS section under which his case would be registered. The cop had thoughtfully carried a handbook on the new laws to confirm the sections being invoked.  
After the recording of the crime site was completed, the crime and forensics teams were called to the spot. It was the first day of the new laws but the procedures didn't prove hectic or smooth. "It's only the first day. We'll slowly get used to the new system," the investigator said, adding that within a few minutes, the entire details had been uploaded on the app for senior officers to check. In the earlier system, there was a lot of time-consuming paperwork required.

# Cops on toes to allay initial fears and confusion



SHOWING THE WAY

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New Delhi: There was some scepticism and apprehension at police stations on Monday as people came to terms with the new criminal laws that came into operation on the first day of July. Many police stations not only had boards, posters and pamphlets on the new criminal law codes, but they also had helpdesks to provide necessary information to complainants. At one, balloons adorned the compound while the entrance had a board displaying important sections of the new Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.  
At a police station in south-west Delhi, Ganga had come to complain about being defrauded of her money. "I only learnt about the new laws today after reaching the police station," she said in Hindi. "I was curious about how this would impact my case and from what I have gathered from the police officers so far is that the law is centred on citizens."

Like Ganga, many others asked numerous questions at the police station, mostly about how the new laws would benefit them. Subham Arora, 26, who had come to report a theft at his shop, said his primary concern was punishment for the culprits, who he wanted tracked down. After being briefed about the new system, Arora realised he would receive updates on the status of his complaint. "The crime scene was videographed by the policeman. This was something new. From the brief-

## A COMPLAINANT SAYS

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ing, I understand that the accused will receive a harsher punishment and the investigation will be more transparent," he said.

When he reached the police station with a complaint, garment businessman Mohammad Rafi was whisked into a room displaying posters on the new laws. Male and female officers were present to inform complainants about the new system. "People will learn about the new laws with time. Most of us aren't acquainted with the new sections," said Rafi.

After being briefed by the officers, Rafi reiterated an important point: cases can now be registered anywhere and police cannot refuse to accept a complaint. He said, "What matters most is the timely update of my case. Otherwise, many people I know have had to run from pillar to post to find out the status of their case. I am hoping the new laws won't put me in the same situation."

# Why Body Cams Could Be Key To Scripting Successful Police Story

**CUE FROM WEST:** Can Help Simplify Procedures Specified Under New Laws

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New Delhi: Body-worn video (BWV) cameras have the potential to simplify procedures specified under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) that replaced the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), according to investigators in Delhi Police.

On Monday, a major challenge for many investigating officers (IOs) was capturing video evidence at crime scenes. They could be seen juggling between their phone cameras, incoming calls and the app for uploading footage. Section 105 of BNSS makes it mandatory to video-record the search and seizures. Section 172 makes videography of information of cases involving women victims mandatory while Section 185(2) makes the search by a police officer a must under recording. Similarly, under Section 176(3), videography of the scene of crime is mandatory in offences with seven years or more punishment. Section 180 makes recording of examination of a witness by police a must.

A few investigating officers TOI spoke to seemed to have doubts and confusion regarding certain requirements. "I received back-to-back calls from my superiors just when I reached the crime scene and started recording. When I brought this up with my seniors, I was told to record after putting the phone in flight mode. Now, I am planning to keep a separate phone for this," said an IO who didn't wish to be named. Others voiced concerns that waiving the mobile phone in front of a potential witness will only rattle them and there might be some who may be fine with audio but not video recording. The body cameras may re-

SEEING IT THROUGH

- Body-worn video (BWV) cameras are small, visible devices attached to the officers' uniform, usually on the chest
- They're used to capture both video and audio evidence when officers are attending to crime incidents
- They're issued to all officers who come into contact with the public
- The camera acts as an independent witness, shows things from officer's perspective
- The camera records the footage onto an internal storage device. At the end of the officer's shift, the footage is uploaded to a secure location
- It is later used as evidence at court or other legal proceedings or deleted if it's not needed

DEVICES CRUCIAL FOR CRIME CONTROL

CAM PROTOCOL

The recording continues until it's no longer 'proportionate or necessary' or another system takes over, such as CCTV at a police station

Officers activate their cameras at the start of an incident or encounter

DELHI POLICE & BODY CAMS

- Traffic police was given around 1,000 cameras
- The proposal was first floated on paper in 2016-17
- Cams were provided in phases over two years

HOW IT FUNCTIONS

- For Metropolitan Police (UK), the cam starts capturing a rolling 30-second loop of video and audio
- This 30 seconds of video and audio is not saved by the camera unless the officer activates the camera to record
- When the camera is activated to record, the previous 30 seconds of video and audio is included in the recording

STATUS

Most cams given to Delhi traffic police became defunct by 2022-2023 due to lack of maintenance

solve many of these concerns, said a retired senior cop, highlighting that police forces in the West consider body-worn cameras "essential equipment". "These cameras even act as independent witnesses, providing crucial evidence during arrests and at crime scenes. In Delhi, however, officers often struggle to find these witnesses, resorting to statements like 'we requested bystanders to be witnesses but they refused due to prior commitments' in their first information reports (FIRs)," the retired officer said, adding that the body cameras could provide a solution to these issues. There have been studies in forces that use such cameras, and they have rated them

effective. There were statistically significant reductions in citizen complaints against police and use-of-force reports for officers who wore cameras, compared with those who did not. The Metropolitan Police (Met) in the UK provides a successful example. Their body cameras capture a continuous 30-second audio and video loop. This buffer isn't saved unless the officer manually activates recording. When recording is activated, the preceding 30 seconds are included. For police forces in the West, body-worn cameras are not turned on for routine patrols, but are activated for specific incidents instead. When a

recording is happening, a flashing red light on the camera is visible and officers inform people that they are being recorded. The cameras are used while gathering evidence for investigation of crimes or suspected crimes, or to promote transparency during police actions. It also comes handy after an encounter for writing reports or verification of facts. There are situations when officers in the West almost certainly activate their BWV cameras. "The cameras are mandatory when making an arrest; searching a property, land or vehicle; conducting a stop-and-search; or responding to a critical incident," said an officer who had

earlier served abroad in a programme hosted through the United Nations. The concept of body cameras is not entirely new to Delhi Police. A proposal for use of such cameras was initiated in 2016. The plan was to use Nirbhaya Fund for financing the project. Later, the traffic police received about 1,000 cameras but, according to sources, most of these malfunctioned nearly two years ago and have not been repaired due to a lack of maintenance contracts. Nowadays, no traffic cop is seen wearing such cameras. It is time that the department moved a proposal for the cameras to the Union home ministry, said the sources.

# Lawyers grapple with changes, some rush to bookstores, others greet shift

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New Delhi: A funny take on the 1997 film *Chachi 420* encapsulated the dilemma before the legal community in Delhi when the new criminal laws kicked in on Monday. Lawyers, and some judges too, shared a meme that wondered if the Kamal Hassan starrer could sound as mischievous if titled *Chachi 318*—the new section in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita that replaces the old and well-known Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

The change in sections/provisions of some key offences pose the first and most immediate challenge to the bar and the bench as they deal with cases registered under the three new criminal codes that replaced the British-era penal statutes on Monday. Murder will now be covered by Section 103 of BNS, rape by Section 63, gangrape by Section 70(1) and attempt to murder by Section 109, to mention a few. While the old IPC had over 500 sections, BNS is slimmer with just 358 sections.

The first day of the implementation of BNS, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (the old one was Criminal Procedure Code) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (Evidence Act) saw lawyers grapple with the shift, with many making a bee-line to bookshops to pick up the bare acts of the new laws. Anticipating the change perhaps, the Bar Council of Delhi on Sunday had objected to his rollout at present and demanded more time for preparation. Significantly, the apex lawyers' body, the Bar Council of India, had urged all bar associations across the country to refrain from

## A JUDGE SAYS

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any immediate agitation or protest against the implementation of the new laws, promising to take up the issue with govt.

There were mixed reactions among lawyers. Some expressed apprehension at too much power being given to police and investigative agencies, while others said it was a first step in discarding colonial-era rules and regulations. Senior advocate Vikas Pahwa welcomed the shift. "Overall, there are many positives in the new acts," he said. "There may be some confusion initially, but the system will be streamlined over time. I don't think lawyers will face any problems; they are competent and know how to handle legal issues in court."

Pahwa, however, said police needed to be educated about the new laws and their implementation. "This extension could give police unfettered powers to extract confessions and manufacture evidence. The provision for attachment of proceeds of crime is also draconian. If identified, proceeds of crime can be attached during the investigation and trial and can be distributed to victims or appropriated by govt even before the trial concludes. This is arbitrary and problematic if the accu-

sed is acquitted post-trial," said Pahwa.

A judge told TOI, "We are yet to get an idea of the new laws. Primarily it's for police and magistrates to deal with the new provisions immediately. The sessions court's turn will come after some time, when in revision or appeal new provisions are referred to."

Calling the new timeline for trial procedures a game changer, some senior lawyers pointed out that cases would now be committed within 90 days, arguments on charges will be made within 60 days of commitment and arguments of charge will be concluded within 60 days.

However, critics flagged some problem areas, the most critical being availability of infrastructure for police and the courts across the country. "The new laws fail to address the problem of high handedness of police and delays in the justice system," noted advocate Karan Sachdeva. "Police and the justice system require a complete overhaul so that it becomes more accessible. Also, the new laws have led to massive confusion and thus will probably be followed by multiple amendments and notifications like in the case of GST."

Similarly, advocate Sanjay Sharma said the potential hurdles were numerous, including increased litigation, confusion and inconsistencies. "The new laws are a double-edged sword, bringing both promise and peril," said Sharma. "On one hand, they offer a much-needed overhaul of our legal framework, addressing long-standing issues and promoting progress. On the other, their implementation poses significant challenges and, if not carefully considered, may lead to unintended consequences, injustice and hardships."

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New Delhi: With the introduction of the new criminal laws, Delhi Police has started community awareness programmes across Delhi to educate the public on them. The emphasis is on educating community workers on how to file FIRs correctly under the newly codified laws while reassuring them of ease in approaching the cops.

The focus of these community outreach programmes differed from place to place. While some had organised crimes as the topic, others dealt with cybercrime, crimes against women and other offences. An event at RK Puram had an audience of 200 people, including members of RWAs, street vendors, small business owners and others who listened to the briefing given by experts from the Union law and justice ministry and legal advisors. Pain was taken to make the people understand how they could now approach the court online with their grievances without having to wait as it was till now.

In a meeting at Seemapuri in Shahdara, police officers met 25 women members of various NGOs catering to the needs of



FRIENDLY APPROACH: The emphasis is on educating community workers on how to file FIRs correctly under the newly codified laws

women and children. The officers informed these community workers in detail on how to file FIRs correctly in cases of crime against women and children.

Pooja Sharma of NGO Jeejivisha, who attended the brief-

# FIRs filed without major glitches at police stations

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Cops said that it was difficult to ascertain the 'first FIR' as many complaints came between midnight and 12.30am and FIR registration is a process carried out on the interconnected network called CCTNS, where it takes time to complete the process.

Overall, FIRs continued to be registered without any major glitches at different police stations through the day. Around 11am, Mangol Puri police station filed an FIR under Section 173 of BNSS for encroachment of a public road by an auto parts shop. There were several FIRs filed under IPC also, for offences that took place before midnight.

oja stated, "Our NGO deals with more than a thousand cases of human and child trafficking and we make frequent trips to the police station. So, when they informed us that the FIR in such cases would not only be registered within 24 hours but also dealt with within 24 hours, it was a huge reassurance to us."

Police stations in Safdarjung, Sarojini Nagar and Durgabai Deshmukh South Campus were also actively engaging in community outreach to teachers, students, and local stakeholders.

A woman sub-inspector told TOI, "Our major focus was understanding the issues and complaints that our station receives and then identifying vulnerable groups in the locality and educating them on the laws. We made sure they understood that certain sections of IPC dealing with crimes against women now had new sections, such as IPC Section 375 (rape) changing to Section 63 in Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita."

Indira Gandhi International Airport also hosted a public awareness programme for various stakeholders. In this particular session, the deputy commissioner of police at the airport pointed out that the new laws were citizen-centric, progressive, tech-driven and accountable.



# Low on spirits! Most beer brands missing from bars

**Atul Mathur & Amin Ali | TNN**

New Delhi: Shortage of beer has not just led to a drop in sales at liquor stores in Delhi, prominent clubs and bars of the city are also bearing the brunt of it.

Restaurateurs alleged that there was a severe shortage of popular beer brands at the warehouses and the non-availability had started impacting sales at their restaurants. They added that some of the popular spirits were also not available. The restaurateurs rued that they were somehow managing to survive on whatever little was available at the warehouses and there was a substantial shift

of customers to the bars and clubs in neighbouring towns in Haryana and UP.

To procure the stock of liquor, restaurateurs had to place an order on a portal run by the excise department. "But when we try to source beer, it says the warehouse is closed," said a person running a bar in south Delhi. "What we have come to know is that whatever little stock Delhi's wholesalers get is being diverted to the shops, which are run by govt's corporations, to show that there is no shortage. Though this problem has been persisting since April, it has become acute in the last few days," he claimed.

Sudhakar Banerjee, a



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banker, said he visited a popular niche restaurant with his family on Sunday and was surprised to find that not even a single brand of beer

was available. "When we asked for our favourite brands of whiskey, even those were not available," Banerjee said. No reaction was available

from Delhi govt's excise department.

While there are over 680 liquor shops in Delhi, the number of hotels, clubs and restaurants that serve liquor is approximately 940. Beer is one of the most saleable items during summers.

Restaurateur Priyank Sukhija said most restaurateurs don't know what to sell in the absence of popular and premium beer, whiskey and tequila brands. He asserted that lack of availability was impacting the customer experience.

Cocktail bars say many of their expat customers complain about their drinks not being made with a spirit of their choice.

"If someone requests popular whiskey cocktails like Old Fashioned, Whiskey Sour or Highball, we cannot explain why their favourite brand was not used in it. They don't understand that bars didn't have these popular yet readily available brands," says a mixologist.

Outlets are facing a dual problem of popular brands not being available and those that are available are in short supply, said Sidhant Sharma, a partner at nightclubs.

Most of the usual fast selling popular brands aren't available these days, said Sandeep Goyle, Delhi chapter head of National Restaurant Association of India.

# ₹1k Aid To Women: Delhi Steps Closer To Launch Of Scheme

## Women And Child Dept Tasked With Preparing Cabinet Note

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New Delhi: Delhi govt has set the ball rolling for implementing the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana, which aims to provide Rs 1,000 financial assistance to women aged above 18.

On Monday, Delhi women and child development minister Kailash Gahlot said he has instructed officials to expedite the process to ensure the scheme clears all "bureaucratic hurdles" and is launched as quickly as possible.

"I have asked the department to prepare the cabinet note so that we can initiate the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana. The scheme's primary objective is to provide assistance to women belonging to economically weaker sections, help them lead dignified lives and become financially independent. We want to ensure the women of Delhi get the benefit of the scheme at the earliest," he said.

A senior Delhi govt official said the cabinet note will go for approval to three departments — finance, planning and law. "The officials will vet it, give comments, and after their approval, it will go to the cabinet," he added.

**WHO'S ELIGIBLE** | AAP govt in its last budget announced a monthly aid of ₹ 1,000 to Delhi women aged 18 or above

**MONEY ALLOCATED** | An amount of ₹ 2,000 crore has been set aside for this scheme named Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana

**EXCLUSION** | The scheme will not apply to govt employees, taxpayers and beneficiaries of any govt pension plan

**CRITERIA** | Delhi voter ID card

➤ There are over 67 lakh women voters in the city. The scheme is likely to benefit 45-50 lakh if it gets implemented

However, some officials pointed out that implementing the scheme may not be simple as chief minister Arvind Kejriwal is currently in jail, which prevents cabinet meetings from taking place. "It has to be notified by the cabinet and after that, it goes to the LG for approval," an official said.

Kejriwal is in Tihar Jail in connection with a money laundering case linked to the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy. Officials in the ministry said they were hopeful of the CM's release and have started the process so that the

scheme gets cabinet approval as soon as CM is out.

AAP govt had announced the scheme in its 2024-25 budget and plans to introduce it before the 2025 assembly elections, hoping to woo women voters. At the time, Kejriwal had called it the "world's biggest programme" for women's empowerment. An allocation of Rs 2,000 crore was made for 2024-25 for the scheme.

A woman must be registered as a voter in Delhi to be eligible for the scheme. She would have to fill out a form and give a self-declaration fulfilling certain conditions

— that she is not a part of any govt scheme, is not a govt employee, and is not a taxpayer. On the basis of the self-declaration, she will start getting the benefits of the scheme. Along with the form, the woman also must provide her Aadhaar card and bank account information.

"Whenever a daughter or sister in our families comes home, her elder brother or father gives her some money because they want their sister or daughter to fulfil her needs without being dependent on anyone. Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, fulfilling the duty of being an elder brother, and a son, is bringing the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana," Delhi finance minister Atishi had said in the assembly while announcing the scheme.

According to the electoral roll of Delhi published in Jan this year, there are 67,30,371 female voters in the national capital.

"There are over 67 lakh women voters in Delhi. You can exclude the income taxpayers from the scheme and the women who avail the benefits of govt schemes. I think it (Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana) will benefit about 45-50 lakh women," Kejriwal had earlier said.

# WCD begins process to take over mgmt of women helpline 181

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Following a directive from the Centre, Delhi govt's department of women and child welfare has started the process to take over the management of the women helpline 181 from the Delhi Commission for Women, minister Kailash Gahlot said on Monday.

According to officials, the transition is expected to take two days and the helpline may not function during that time. "The transition, expected to be completed within two days, includes comprehensive arrangements to ensure seamless service. In the interim, calls for assistance can be made to 112, with measures in place to inform the public about the change," govt said in a statement.

The 24x7 helpline was started in 2012 for the women in distress after the Nirbhaya gangrape case. Its functioning, however, had been taken over by DCW in 2015 and remained under it till June 30. Officials said the helpline receives nearly 40,000 calls each month. It is a toll-free, 24-hour telecom service providing support to women seeking assistance.

Gahlot said the current service provider had been asked to run a statement during this buffer period on the-

**OFFICIALS SAY**

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Interactive voice recording system that people may call police's 112 helpline for any assistance during the transition period. "We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of women in Delhi. We aim to provide a more integrated and efficient response to the needs of women in distress. Our department has made all necessary arrangements to handle calls effectively and provide timely assistance. I am confident that the women's helpline number 181 will be operational again within a few days," the minister stated.

Delhi govt, in a statement, said the Centre sent a directive to the chief secretary on May 4 that the women helpline 181 be managed by the department of women and child development.

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# Mohalla bus service could be rolled in a mth: Gahlot

New Delhi: Delhi govt's ambitious Mohalla bus service is expected to be rolled out within a month with transport minister Kailash Gahlot forming a committee to inspect approved prototype of the bus.

The scheme aims to deploy nine-metre-long electric buses to provide neighbourhood or feeder bus services. The AAP govt plans to introduce 2,180 such buses by 2025, catering specifically to areas which have limited road width or which witness overcrowding.

The prototype of the bus has already been approved, officials said.

"The inspection of the bus is already going on at Manesar in accordance with the Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR). The minister has also formed a committee to inspect the bus in terms of the specifications required by the department.

"This will take a fortnight. We hope to complete this process by July 7. Following these clearances, the buses will be put on the roads for trial for a week," said a senior official privy to the development.

The committee formed by the minister comprises officials from DIMTS, DTC and the transport department.

After the trial is completed, orders will be placed with the concerned company.

"It depends on the production of these buses by the company. As soon as we receive the first lot, we plan to roll out the scheme," he added.

In March, Gahlot had inspected a prototype of a nine-metre Mohalla bus at the Rajghat bus depot and travelled on it to attend the assembly budget session. He had said these Mohalla buses have seats for 23 passengers and are designed for shorter routes within Delhi, serving as a vital mode of first and last-mile connectivity for commuters.

According to the officials, 25 per cent of the seats in the buses will be pink, reserved exclusively for women who will also get free rides through 'Pink passes'.

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# BJP targets Delhi govt for water woes, flooding after rain; AAP strikes back

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: BJP on Monday slammed AAP govt over waterlogging in the city, saying its "incompetence" was responsible for flooding during the recent rains and the scarcity of drinking water.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva alleged the govt had identified several dangerous waterlogging spots, but most of these locations had non-functional pumps. "On June 28, hundreds of permanent water drainage pumps installed by Public Works Department were not operational. According to our information, they were non-functional because

they did not have diesel," alleged Sachdeva.

Countering the charges, AAP said, "BJP-led central government governs NDMC. Maximum flooding has been seen under its area, for which BJP is responsible. They are pointing fingers at Delhi govt to hide from the reality of flooding in MPs, ministers and judges' homes."

"There is clearly corruption in NDMC that has led to this severe flooding. Never before have the homes of MPs, ministers and judges been flooded. What has happened to all the funds earmarked for desilting? Have all the funds been embezzled? The onus is on BJP and central

govt," said AAP.

"Not only this, poorly designed infrastructure built for the G20 Summit is also causing waterlogging. The entire Bharat Mandapam Complex is waterlogged. The ITPO tunnels are waterlogged. Therefore, BJP must stop pointing fingers and answer questions about their own work in NDMC," the party added.

Attacking AAP, Sachdeva said even pumps installed by Delhi Jal Board, the flood department and Municipal Corporation of Delhi were not working. "Two days after the flooding, minister Atishi visited the pumping station at Minto Road Bridge, and even then, several pumps were not

operational," he alleged.

At the Bharti Nagar pumping station, the pumps of Public Works Department were found to be non-functional on June 28, and the situation has not improved satisfactorily, he alleged.

Sachdeva claimed this year, no additional temporary water drainage pumps were rented and installed, like they usually are every monsoon season. "Kejriwal govt's argument is that the necessary tender could not be issued due to the model code of conduct. However, this govt, engrossed in securing CM's bail and fighting elections, did not pay attention to this essential task," he alleged.

# Fact-finding committee formed in violation of rules, claims forest dept

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A day after a three-member fact-finding committee of ministers began its probe into the cutting of trees in Ridge area in south Delhi's Satbari earlier this year, the environment and forest department on Monday claimed that the panel was formed in violation of rules and it could lead to contempt of the Supreme Court.

In a communication to lieutenant governor VK Saxena, principal secretary of environment and forest department AK Singh said the Supreme Court had already formed an independent committee consisting of officers of the Forest Survey of India and other impartial experts, which had already furnished its preliminary report before the apex court. He added that Delhi govt's committee, which comprised ministers Saurabh Bharadwaj, Atishi and Hiran Hussain, also lacked the approval of the council of ministers.

The fact-finding committee was formed by Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai on June 29 to look into cutting of 1,100 trees in the Southern Ridge by DDA allegedly without required permission. The



The committee of ministers is probing the cutting of trees in the Ridge area in south Delhi's Satbari earlier this year

panel had asked the officials of DDA, Delhi Police and forest department to appear before it. Sources said only police officers appeared before it.

A Delhi govt source said the Supreme Court, which is also hearing the matter, had earlier asked Delhi govt why officers of the environment and forest department did not protect the forest when they had complete knowledge of the illegal felling of the trees in the Ridge area.

"Environment minister Gopal Rai asked for the report on tree felling but principal secretary AK Singh has not yet submitted the report," the

source said, adding that there was pressure on officers to not appear before the committee and "some higher ups" did not want the truth to come out.

"Why is AK Singh running away from accountability?" questioned the Delhi govt source, adding who has asked him (Singh) not to disclose the facts.

In his communication to LG, the copies of which were also marked to CM Arvind Kejriwal (who is currently under judicial custody) and the members of the fact-finding committee, Singh said constituting another committee in the name of fact finding when

the apex court was seized of the matter was not only improper but may also invite contempt of the court for interfering in the judicial process. He further claimed that the committee was formed in violation of the relevant provisions of the Transaction of Business of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Rules (ToBR) 1993.

Singh observed in the communication that the formation of the committee was a "departure from the general practice and procedure" of Delhi govt as the principal secretary (environment and forest) was being asked to report to urban development minister whereas there were no orders by the chief minister to that effect. He added that the environment and forest minister was not even a member of the committee.

"The committee is nothing but a 'Group of Ministers' which has not been constituted by the Cabinet (Council of Ministers). The said fact-finding committee has been constituted under the signatures of Saurabh Bharadwaj, UD minister, without any due authority or sanction from the Council of Ministers," Singh noted in his communication.

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## CUET results delay: DU assures students worried over impact on academic year

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Gurgaon:** A 32-year-old property dealer was allegedly shot dead by a group of assailants after an argument in Dabua on Sunday night. Preliminary investigation revealed that a monetary dispute may have been the reason behind the argument, police said.

The victim was identified as Kunal Bhadana, a Faridabad-based property dealer who was at Masjid Chowk in Dabua with his friends when, around 11.15pm on Sunday night, he was approached and shot dead by a group of four men.

Bhadana had gotten into some disputes with the accused over money related to his business, which could have led to the incident, police said. TNN

New Delhi: With the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) results likely to be delayed this year following the NEET row, there are concerns amongst students looking for admission to Delhi University (DU) over the impact this could have on their academic year.

However, urging students not to panic, DU officials have claimed the university will try to minimise the time usually taken for the admission process to be completed and maintain the academic schedule.

The CUET UG results were supposed to be announced on June 30. However, so far, there is no official information on when they would be out. The CUET UG provisional answer key, a crucial step in the result declaration process, is also yet to be released by the National Testing Agency. As per sources in NTA, it could take another 10 days for the results to be declared.

Scores of students are wary that the delay might affect the admission cycle at DU. However, assuring them, DU's Dean of Admissions, Hanseet Gandhi, said, "There will not be any delay. DU will take all measures to meet the students' academic pursuits. Last year, the academic year started around mid-August, and this year too, it will likely begin at the same time."

While acknowledging that the admission process for DU can start only once the CUET results are declared, she said the university "will try to balance and avoid the delay."

"As soon as the results are announced, usually we give a little more time for students to pick their preferences. This year, after the CUET results are declared, we may not give students that long and reduce that time by a few days. Then, we will release the cumulative list," she said.

Gandhi added, "Students aiming to get into DU should utilise this time to work on their preference sheet. Check the websites of the colleges, their rankings and the courses they are offering. There are 1,534 academic programmes, so students should take this time to make informed decisions."

Members of various students' organisations during a protest against NEET Exam and NTA paper leak at Jantar Mantar

**Driver held for hit-and-run incident that left 2-year-old dead**

**Noida:** A 27-year-old commercial vehicle driver was arrested here on Monday in connection with a hit-and-run case in which a two-year-old boy was killed, police said.

The child was out on a street without direct parental supervision in the Noida Sector 24 police station area when the incident took place on June 29, according to officials.

"The suspect, identified as Kalyan Singh, a native of Firuzabad, was apprehended near the ISKCON temple while on his way to Delhi. The vehicle, a Tata Ace with registration number DL 1 LAB 5863, has also been recovered," a police spokesperson said.

The incident occurred on June 29, and it was reported to the Sector-24 police station that the complainant's two-year-old son had been fatally injured by an unknown driver of a Tata Ace vehicle.

"The driver, who was speeding and driving recklessly, hit the child, who was on his way to a shop. The child was later taken to a hospital and then referred to a higher centre, but he succumbed to the injuries," an official said.

A local police official told PTI that the child's parents are daily wage earners, and the two-year-old boy was going towards a shop on his own.

An FIR was lodged in the case under sections 279 (rash driving) and 304A (causing death by negligence) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the police said.

"Following the report, a police team was formed to investigate the case. The team reviewed all nearby CCTV footage, identified the vehicle involved in the incident, and the driver was nabbed," the official said. PTI

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e-NIT No. WBFBCCR/FOKND/NIT-43/2024-25

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# False Charges Undermine Trust: Court

Rejects Probation Request, Says Imposing 'Just & Humane Punishment' Taking Age Into Account

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The offence entails a maximum punishment of simple imprisonment of up to two years or fine or both.

The sentence will remain suspended for 30 days to give Patkar enough opportunity to file an appeal, said the court. It had on May 24 convicted the activist in the case filed in 2000 by Saxena when he was president of National Council of Civil Liberties because of a defamatory press release.

"The unfounded accusations, such as involvement in hawala transactions and compromising the interests of Gujarat's people for foreign entities, were designed to ruin the complainant's public image and credibility. The complainant experienced profound damage to his reputation, trustworthiness and social standing. These defamatory remarks led to severe personal and professional hardships, forcing the complainant to suffer through the anguish of a drawn-out legal battle for over 20 years," said the court.

Advocates Gajinder Kumar and Kiran Jai, Saxena's counsels, requested the court that the fine amount be given to Delhi State Legal Services Authority. Responding to this, the court said that the complainant could dispense

## SAXENA VS PATKAR | THE CASE SO FAR

2000

Conflict begins with activist Medha Patkar filing a suit against VK Saxena, now Delhi LG, who was then leading an Ahmedabad-based NGO for publishing advertisements critical of her and Narmada Bachao Andolan

2001

VK Saxena, in turn, filed two defamation suits against Patkar for 'derogatory

remarks' against him on a TV channel and issuing a 'defamatory press statement'

2024

May 24 Court found Patkar guilty of criminal defamation under Section 500 of IPC

It observed that Patkar's statements calling Saxena a 'coward' and alleging his involvement in hawala transactions were 'not only defamatory per se but also

crafted to incite negative perceptions about him'

The accusation that the complainant was 'mortgaging' the people of Gujarat and their resources to foreign interests was a direct attack on his integrity and public service, it said

July 1 Court sentenced Patkar to five months' simple imprisonment, imposed a fine of ₹10 lakh

### WHAT LG HAD SAID

Saxena had submitted written arguments, stressing the necessity of imposing the maximum sentence on Patkar

He brought to court attention's 'criminal history' and 'antecedents' of Patkar, and a persistent defiance of the law that is a 'characteristic of the accused'

Patkar was identified as a 'habitual offender' by the complainant, citing another defamation case from 2006 that is still pending adjudication before court

the amount as per his own wish after receiving it. Taking note of Patkar's

### PATKAR SAYS AFTER VERDICT

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THE OFFENCE entails a maximum punishment of simple imprisonment of up to two years, or fine, or both

Considering the facts...damages, age and ailment (of the accused), I am not inclined to give excessive punishment

—THE JUDGE

The court suspended the sentence for one month to enable Patkar to file an appeal against the order

## We have not tried to defame anyone, will challenge the court's order: Patkar

Barwani: Reacting to her five-month jail term by a Delhi court, Narmada Bachao Andolan activist Medha Patkar told TOI over phone: "We have not tried to defame anyone, we only do our work. We will challenge the court's order. The court has suspended the sentence till Aug 1 to allow for an appeal. There are many advocates who are ready to work pro bono." "Our defamation case filed against VK Saxena is pending," she said. "We are working for labourers, farmers, poor, tribal, Dalits and the exploited. Truth can never be defeated. We don't want destruction or inequality in the name of development," she added. TNN

makes her actions "even more reprehensible" and that her respectable position in society brings with it a responsibility to uphold the truth and act with integrity.

"The fact that someone of her stature made such false and damaging allegations aggravates her liability as it undermines public trust and sets a negative example," the court noted. However, referring to her age as well as medical condition, the court said a balanced approach was required and it wished to impose a "just and humane" punishment.

Rejecting the request of Patkar's counsels for probation, the court said her actions exhibit a "high degree of severity and intentionality", clearly aimed at inflicting significant reputational harm on Saxena and there is no indication

tion of remorse or acceptance of responsibility for the damage inflicted on him.

The court said that by accusing Saxena of involvement in hawala transactions, Patkar had linked him to illegal financial activities without any evidence and seriously undermined his financial integrity and public trust.

Furthermore, the accusation that he was "mortgaging the people of Gujarat and their resources to foreign interests" suggested that he was betraying the trust of the citizens of Gujarat for personal gain, which is a grave imputation that irreparably damaged his reputation and standing, the court said. Labelling the complainant a "coward" and "not a patriot" further intensified the defamatory nature of the accusations, the court said.

## Excise policy: No bail relief for Kavitha in two cases

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Monday dismissed BRS functionary K Kavitha's bail petitions in two cases of "corruption and money laundering" linked to the alleged excise policy scam, observing that there was enough prima facie evidence against her.

Declining relief in the case lodged by the Central Bureau of Investigation, Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma said, "K Kavitha was prima facie one of the main conspirators in the criminal conspiracy hatched in relation to formulation and implementation of Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22."

The court reached a similar conclusion in the case lodged by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against her, saying that the material collected by the investigating agency showed she was "prima facie involved in payment of kickbacks, establishing M/s Indo Spirit for recoupment of kickbacks, and in various other processes and activities relating to proceeds of crime, and thus, in commission of offence of money laundering as defined under Section 3 of PMLA."

The court specified that its findings were only for the purpose of deciding her bail under PMLA. It also pointed out that the case of Kavitha cannot be equated to a vulnerable woman who may have been misused to commit an offence as she is a well-educated and accomplished woman, who has remained MP, MLC, etc.

Kavitha had challenged the trial court's May 6 order by which her bail applications in the CBI's "corruption" case as well as the ED's "money-laundering" case were dismissed. Her lawyers had submitted that of the 50 accused in the excise policy case, she was the lone woman and urged the court to consider granting her bail as law keeps women on a different pedestal.

However, CBI and ED opposed Kavitha's bail pleas, saying that she was powerful enough to influence witnesses. She is in judicial custody in the two cases.

In her bail plea, Kavitha maintained she had "nothing to do" with the excise policy and there was a criminal conspiracy against her "orchestrated by the ruling party at the Centre with the active connivance of ED."

## Delhi couple feared drowned in Rishikesh

Dehradun: A couple from Delhi were feared to have drowned in Ganga at Muni Ki Reti near Rishikesh on Monday, police said. State Disaster Response Force divers have launched a search operation in the river but the couple has not been found yet, cops said. According to police, the couple went to Neem Beach around 1pm to bathe in the Ganga. They disappeared in the waves after going little deep in the river, police said quoting eyewitnesses. The man has been identified as Lovepreet (26), a resident of Sudarshan Park in west Delhi, and the woman as Neha Thakur (22) from Karol Bagh, they said. PTI

## HC to hear Kejriwal's plea against arrest by CBI today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court will take up on Tuesday chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in a "corruption" case related to the alleged excise policy scam.

The plea, which was filed on Monday, has been listed for hearing before Justice Neena Bansal Krishna.

In the plea, the Aam Aadmi Party national convenor also challenged a June 26 order of the trial court by which he was remanded in the CBI custody for three days.

Kejriwal was arrested by CBI on June 26 from Tihar Jail, where he was in judicial custody till July 3 in a related "money-laundering case" filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

CBI had claimed before the trial court that the AAP chief did not cooperate with the investigation and deliberately gave evasive replies. The federal agency had also expressed apprehension that he might influence witnesses.

While sending Kejriwal to the CBI's custody for three days on June 26, the trial court had refused to declare his arrest illegal, as sought by the defence counsel, saying that "the timing may be circumspect, but it is not the clear criterion for declaring an arrest illegal". The trial court had said that while investigation was the prerogative of the probe agency, there were certain safeguards provided in law and the agency should not be "overzealous."

The CM was arrested by ED on March 21 and was granted bail by the trial court in the "money-laundering" case on June 20. However, the trial court's order was stayed by the high court.

Other MLAs are expected to undertake a similar exercise in their own constituencies, working closely with local stakeholders to enhance the green cover in the city and mitigate the effects of rising temperatures.

## AAP tells MLAs to initiate green campaign

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has directed its MLAs to initiate a comprehensive green coverage campaign in the city to prevent the recurrence of extreme heat experienced this summer. The MLAs have been asked to co-ordinate with market associations and residents welfare associations to identify suitable locations for plantation within their respective constituencies, party functionaries said.

Launching the '52 Cnever again' drive in his constituency Greater Kailash, minister Sarabjot Singh said, "We have launched our tree plantation campaign across the GK constituency. Soon we will do plantation in other localities. Everyone is welcome to join. Complimentary herbs will also be given to participants."

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Amid extreme heatwaves in Delhi-NCR in June, a weather station at Mungheshpur had reported the maximum at 52.9 degrees Celsius, dubbed as the highest temperature officially recorded in India. Although Met officials had later clarified that the reading could be "due to an error in the sensor or local factors", June did break several records of extreme heat in the city, with its power demand reaching an all-time high.

To ensure relief, Delhi govt has also aimed to plant and distribute 64 lakh saplings throughout the city this year; a significant increase from the previous year's target of 52 lakh. Environment minister Gopal Rai had said the plantation target would include 2.5 million trees and 3.2 million shrubs. Additionally, govt plans to distribute 0.8 million saplings, including both trees and shrubs, to the residents of Delhi at no cost.

Senior AAP functionaries said the public could also obtain medicinal plants from govt nurseries across the national capital for free. TNN

## 'No reason to hear afresh plea for more meetings'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday rejected chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's application seeking directions to the prison authorities for granting two additional meetings with his lawyers through videoconferencing (VC).

Citing an order dated April 10, 2024 by the same court, special judge Kaveri Baweja said a plea for the same relief by Kejriwal was dismissed earlier and there were no fresh reason to take a view different from that order.

CM, in custody in the alleged Delhi excise policy case, said he was facing around 30 litigations across the country and, on the grounds of the right to fair trial, required two additional meetings with his lawyers through VC for discussing them. The court, however, said, "The counsel for the applicant has failed to convince the court as to how the applicant is entitled to two additional legal meetings through VC on the same grounds which have been discussed and dealt with in the earlier order."

Kejriwal's counsel was asked to withdraw the application and move a fresh application with additional or fresh grounds, if any, which the advocate refused, the court said. "Thus, having considered the submissions made and the observations already made vide order dated April 10, 2024, I see no reason whatsoever to allow the application under consideration," the judge said, dismissing the plea.

Kejriwal was recently sent to judicial custody till July 12 after his three-day CBI custody got over.



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## Maliwal case: HC seeks cops' stand on Bibhav's petition against arrest

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Monday sought the stand of police on a plea by chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's close aide, Bibhav Kumar, challenging his arrest in connection with the alleged assault on AAP Rajya Sabha member Swati Maliwal at CM's residence.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma held that Kumar's plea was "maintainable" and issued the notice. Kumar, currently in judicial custody, allegedly assaulted Maliwal on May 13 and was arrested on May 18.

An FIR was registered against Kumar on May 16 under various Indian Penal Code provisions, including criminal intimidation, assault or criminal force on a woman with the intent to disrobe, and attempt to commit culpable homicide.

Delhi Police had claimed that the plea was not maintainable. Kumar has sought a direction to declare his arrest as illegal and in gross violation of Section 41A (notice of appearance before police officer) of Code of Criminal Procedure and against the mandate of the law. He has claimed that he was arrested with an "oblique motive" while his anticipatory bail plea was pending in the trial court, in violation of his fundamental rights as well as the law.

In the petition, Kumar has also sought "appropriate compensation" for his "illegal" arrest and initiation of departmental action against the erring officials involved in the decision-making of his arrest.

The trial court had, on June 7, refused to grant bail to Kumar, saying he was facing "grave and serious" charges and that there was an apprehension that he could influence the witnesses.

Kumar's first bail plea was dismissed on May 27 by another sessions court, which had said there appeared to be no "pre-meditation" on Maliwal's part in getting the FIR lodged and that her allegations could not be ignored.

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## DJB production rises, but water problems persist

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The water production of Delhi Jal Board increased to 974 million gallons per day (MGD) on Monday from 938MGD on Sunday, the latest DJB bulletin stated. However, it still remains far below the city's average demand of 1,290MGD.

After facing problems for over a month, the Wazirabad water treatment plant (WTP) produced 133MGD water on Monday, a little more than its capacity of 131MGD. It was producing less as the raw water supply got reduced, which, Delhi govt had claimed, was due to the alleged deliberate stopping of supply by the neighbouring Haryana.

According to Monday's bulletin, the reduced raw water supply does not seem to be a problem any more, but DJB is facing other issues.

The Chandrawal WTP, which is supposed to produce 94MGD, is currently producing 80MGD due to a fault in its pump caused by Friday's torrential rain, the bulletin stated. Similarly, the Okhla WTP is producing around 5MGD less than its capacity because of an underground reservoir problem. The Wazirabad plant is also battling maintenance problems.

In June, when the temperatures were rising, water supply was deeply affected across the city as the production at all DJB plants reduced considerably — dipping even to the season's lowest of around 888MGD — prompting water minister Atishi to order a crackdown on its misuse.

Teams were deployed to enforce a fine of Rs 2,000 on anyone caught wasting water, including using pipes to wash cars, allowing water tanks to overflow, and utilising domestic water supply for construction. They were also authorised to disconnect any illegal water connection in construction sites or commercial establishments.

## All trains running on Magenta Line now unmanned



DMRC has removed driver cabins from all 29 trains

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** All 29 trains on Magenta Line have now become completely unmanned. While Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has removed the drivers' cabins, an attendant is present after a gap of three-four trains, but they will be removed in a phased manner.

TOI had reported in June that the trains on Magenta Line would become fully automated. "Magenta Line is now completely driverless. We have removed the driver's cabins from 29 trains, creating more space for passengers. We will remove attendants in phases," said a DMRC official. After Magenta Line, the same step will be taken on Pink Line.

Delhi Metro's fully automated network is currently about 97km long and available on Magenta and Pink lines. It is the only driverless train operation network in India. In the upcoming corridors under DMRC's Phase-IV expansion, too, the train operations will be driverless.

The driverless train operation facility was launched on the Janakpuri West Botanical Garden Magenta Line in Dec 2020 and was introduced on the Majlis Park-Shiv Vihar Pink Line in Nov 2021. But till now, a train operator used to be present to instil a sense of confidence and assistance.

"We will try to implement this soon in Phase IV with the experience received on these two lines. For driverless operations in Phase IV, we have taken some measures like a track monitoring system with cameras installed on the tracks," DMRC managing director Vikas Kumar earlier told TOI.

A DMRC official had earlier said, "Driverless trains bring more flexibility in the operations, and reduce human interventions and human errors. The system also helps in improving the availability of coaches for operations. The driverless trains eliminate the manual process of checking done before induction, subsequently reducing burden on train operators. The parking on the stabling line in depots is also done automatically."

DMRC will procure 312 coaches — 52 trains — for driverless operations for Phase IV's priority corridors. "DMRC has already started reaping benefits of driverless operations on its two lines in terms of increased availability of coaches on service. The reliability of the trains has increased manifold due to exhaustive self-tests done before induction in service every day, eliminating all possibilities of human error," an official said earlier.

## Four killed after car rams canter-truck on KMP e-way

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**Gurgaon:** Four people died and two others suffered severe injuries as a Maruti Ertiga collided with a canter-truck on KMP Expressway in Farrukhnagar on Monday afternoon. The impact of the collision was so severe that the car was completely shattered.

According to witnesses, both vehicles were travelling in the same direction when the accident occurred. The driver of the Ertiga was attempting to overtake the canter-truck at high speed, while the latter was trying to exit the expressway. The car driver, unfortunately, failed to react in time and crashed into the truck's rear side. The truck driver is on the run.

After the collision, the car flipped several times before coming to a halt and breaking apart. Among the six family members, four — Brijesh Kaushik (52), his wife Sunita (48), his mother Kamla Devi (74), and his sister-in-law Kiran Kaushik (46) — lost their lives on the spot, while two others are in critical condition, police said. The family from Rajasthan's Sikar was on their way back from Garh Ganga after attending the last rites of a relative. They were being followed by other family members in another vehicle.

Bystanders quickly rushed to their aid, contacted the police and hailed ambulances. Cops arrived at the spot and immediately transported the passengers to hospital.

"A preliminary investigation has revealed that the car driver was trying to overtake the canter when it rammed into it and overturned. The injured are undergoing treatment at the govt hospital in Sector 10," said police spokesperson Sandeep Kumar.

A case was lodged against the truck driver after a complaint was filed by relatives of the accident victims.

## Another humid day As Rain Gives Delhi The Miss Again

### Forecast For Showers Off The Mark, City Hopes For Relief Today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The weather in the city remained humid and cloudy on Monday, even as the weather department expected heavy showers across the city.

The weather department had initially issued an orange alert for heavy rain on Monday but withdrew the forecast in the morning. But it reinstated the forecast in the evening, only to withdraw it again.

Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) announced plans to improve forecasts by adding three more Doppler weather radars in the region. Currently, there are three radars in the city.

The IMD's forecast for Monday, similar to Sunday's, failed as it predicted moderate to heavy rain, but the actual rainfall that day was nil. On Friday, June 28, an underestimation forecast by IMD caught the city by surprise with the arrival of the monsoon and a devastating deluge. The city recorded 228.1 mm of rainfall in a matter of hours.

Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra,



DELHI'S PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO MULTIPLY

director general of meteorology at IMD, told media on Monday that the highest hourly rainfall of 91 mm in an hour between 5am and 6am, was "challenging to predict" and that the rainfall received on Friday was "almost a cloudburst".

To qualify as a cloudburst, at least 100 mm of rainfall per hour is required. Mohapatra mentioned plans to improve local forecasts by installing three more radars.

"The extremely heavy rainfall was confined to a very

small part of the city, though heavy rainfall occurred at many places. None of the areas of the city on June 28 recorded an hourly rainfall of more than 100 mm. It was thus a near cloudburst but not a cloudburst by definition. The recorded hourly rainfall was maximum at 91 mm between 5 am and 6 am on June 28 over Safdarjung," Mohapatra said.

According to IMD, which shared hourly rainfall data for Delhi University and Lodhi Road, the highest hourly rainfall

measured on June 28 was 91 mm between 5 am and 6 am at DU, while on Lodhi Road, 89 mm of rainfall was recorded at the same time. IMD further noted that the maximum rainfall in 24 hours for Delhi in June was 235.5 mm on June 24, 1936.

On June 28, there was a rainfall of 228.1 mm, the second highest recorded for June and the third highest overall for the June to August period.

Meanwhile, the city recorded a maximum temperature of 36 degrees Celsius on Monday, which was a degree below normal compared to 37.1 degrees Celsius a day earlier. The minimum temperature on Monday was 28.4 degrees Celsius, a degree above normal, compared to 27 degrees Celsius on Sunday. Humidity levels ranged from 59% to 82%.

Maximum and minimum temperatures on Tuesday are likely to hover around 33 and 27 degrees Celsius, respectively.

IMD expects moderate to heavy rain on Tuesday and Wednesday, accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds reaching 30-40 kmph.

## Find solutions to curb spilling of drain: Atishi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Public Works Department (PWD) minister Atishi, mayor Shelly Oberoi and senior officials jointly inspected a large part of drain number 12 in central Delhi on Monday. This drain is crucial for carrying rainwater from central Delhi to Yamuna.

During the inspection, Atishi instructed officials to find short-term solutions to prevent this drain from overflowing again this rainy season.

According to Delhi govt, the "unexpected rainfall" on June 28 this year caused this drain to overflow, leading to waterlogging around ITO Chowk. This drain was also the cause of flooding in ITO last year. A regulator in this drain broke last year, causing rainwater to backflow onto the Ring Road, Supreme Court and adjoining areas.

The minister also directed officials to find a permanent solution to prevent the drain from overflowing.

Mayor Oberoi stated that ITO Chowk and the roads around it are among the most important routes in Delhi. "To prevent waterlogging here, we will work together with the departments of the Delhi govt and take every necessary step," said Oberoi.

According to the mayor, Atishi has asked officials to immediately remove encroachments on the banks of the drain, which will ensure that cleaning and maintenance work can be done without any hindrance.

Atishi has also directed officials to increase the flow of water by installing temporary water pumps to effectively manage drainage, said the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

## Dhankher takes charge as DMRC director

**New Delhi:** Rajiv Dhankher has assumed charge as the new director (projects & planning) of DMRC. Prior to taking up this role in DMRC, he was DRM in the Ajmer Division of Indian Railways.

During his tenure, the Udaipur-Himmat Nagar railway section was commissioned. He has also worked as a chief project manager in NCRTC for the Sahibabad-Ghaziabad-Duhai priority section. Dhankher was also involved in the commissioning of the Jammu-Udhampur Rail Link Project. [www.dmrcltd.com](https://www.dmrcltd.com)

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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
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Online tender is invited by the undersigned for the work: "Construction of 6+ storied Academic building at Birla Institute of Technology, at 56 B.T. Road, Kolkata-700050 under Kolkata North Division (PWD) —SITC of 25Kwp Solar on-grid rooftop PV plant." Tender No: PWD/SE/KC/NIT05/24-25 ID No. 2024\_WBPWD\_701739\_1. Document Download Closing 23.07.2024 upto 12 noon. Website: [etender.wb.nic.in](http://etender.wb.nic.in) For details contact at the office of the undersigned. Corrigendum if any will be published only on the said website. Sd/- S. Bhaduri Superintending Engineer, PWD, Kolkata Elec. Circle. ICA-T10243(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
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N.I.T. No. 170/CE(M)/WBSTC dated -28.06.2024 (Abridged Re-Tender)  
Tender in prescribed form in two parts viz. Technical & Financial Bids is invited for the work : 1. Mediclaim Policy for Permanent Employees of WBSTC Ltd. & their Families. Tender ID: 2024\_WBSTC\_691689\_2. Please visit website [www.wbetenders.gov.in](http://www.wbetenders.gov.in) Sd/- Chief Engineer (Marketing) & OSD (Dy. Managing Director), For W.B.S.T.C. Ltd. ICA-T10227(3)/2024

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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
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NIT No. 01 (2nd Call) of 2024-25 E.E., N.H. Division No. XII  
Executive Engineer, N.H. Division No XII, PW, (Roads) Directorate invites online e-tender for the work of "Repair and rehabilitation of damaged deck slab of Kargil Bridge at 354.70 Km of NH-14 in the district of Birbhum, West Bengal in the year 2024-2025." Estimate Amount: Rs. 284699.00, eNIT No. 01(2nd Call) of 2024-25. Tender ID: 2024\_NH\_702358\_1. Bid submission start date (online): 29.06.2024 at 11.00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 10.07.2024 up to 11.30 A.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from <http://wbetenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE, NHD-XII, PWRD, GOVT OF WB. ICA-T10281(7)/2024

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Memo No. of NIT-DH&FW/RPH/1541 dt. 26.06.24 and Tender ID: 2023\_HFW\_701041\_1  
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1	2024-PWDRB-353841_1	Bhopal (Capital Div. No. 2)	Renovation	RENOVATION AND DEGRADATION WORK OF DSC, MINORITY AND DEWITTED, NDM & SEMI NDM AIDED TRIBE (DNT) DEPARTMENTS AT 2ND FLOOR VINDHYACHAL BHAWAN, ARERA HILLS, BHOPAL.	1st Call	892.12	EMD/All Document are to be submitted online only.
Total						892.12	

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G-12669/24  
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## NAGAR NIGAM SHAHJAHANPUR

Ref:- 429/PRO/C.D./N.N.SPN/2024-25

Date:- 01.07.2024

## Corrigendum

By this office's letter number:- 417/PRO/C.D./N.N.SPN/2024-25 dated:- 20.06.2024, under the CM Grid Scheme, tenders were invited for the road construction work from Ahmed Ullah Shah Park intersection to Libas Tailors intersection on Tel Tanki Road, in which Partial modification is done:-

1. The last date of Bid submission and the date of opening of the tender mentioned on Serial No. 03 and 04 of the online tender details should be read as 25.07.2024 instead of 24.07.2024.

Chief Engineer

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## 3 murdered in separate cases, 2 minors among those nabbed

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Three people were murdered in separate areas in Delhi on Sunday.

A 32-year-old man was killed in Jagatpuri. Police said they received many PCR calls about the incident. Cops reached the spot, which was near a railway container. The man, who had sustained severe injuries, including sharp-edged wounds to his back and hand, was rushed to GTB Hospital but was declared brought dead.

DCP (Shahdara) Surendra Choudhary said they identified the suspects with the help of CCTV footage. Multiple raids were conducted, and three suspects, including two juveniles, were apprehended.

The altercation began over an incident where the man allegedly threw a glass bottle on the floor, causing a piece of glass to hit one of the suspects. This led to a fight during which one of the juveniles stabbed the man with a knife, resulting in his death.

In another incident, a man was stabbed to death in Shahbad Dairy. His brother-in-law took him to BSA Hospital, but he was declared dead upon arrival. He had sustained severe stab wounds to his waist and thigh.

Another murder took place in northwest Delhi's Shalimar Bagh. Following a dispute over a trivial matter, two brothers, Priyansh and Harsh, along with their father Lokesh Gupta, allegedly stabbed Vikram alias Rinku, a young man, in the neck with a sharp weapon.

# Anxiety May Double Risk Of Parkinson's

## Those Over 50 With Depression Are More Vulnerable To Disease

## WATCH OUT FOR SLEEP DISTURBANCES

➤ Anxiety can be defined as an excessive feeling of worry or unease

➤ It is characterised by an overestimation of threat and an underestimation of one's ability to cope in everyday life

➤ Patients diagnosed with anxiety ought to be observed for additional early signs of Parkinson's disease

➤ These symptoms may include sleep disturbances, constipation, depression and cognitive impairment

➤ Specialists suggest that general practitioners can contribute to the timely detection of Parkinson's disease by closely monitoring patients above the age of 50 who are experiencing anxiety for these potential indicators

➤ By implementing a comprehensive monitoring system, doctors may be able to identify Parkinson's disease before the onset of severe motor symptoms

Hospital, Saket.

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New Delhi: People aged 50 years and above who experience anxiety should not ignore it as they may face twice the risk of developing Parkinson's disease compared to those in the same age group who are calm and content, reveals a recent study published in the British Journal of General Practice.

Parkinson's disease (PD) is the second most common neurodegenerative condition worldwide. It is estimated that it will affect 14.2 million people by 2040, mostly due to an increase in life expectancy.

In people with anxiety, the study confirmed that depression, sleep disturbance, fatigue, cognitive impairment, hypotension, tremor, rigidity, balance impairment, and constipation are risk factors for PD.

Neurologists in Delhi emphasise that this finding can assist them in the early diagnosis and treatment of Parkinson's disease.

Nevertheless, it is crucial to recognise that anxiety, although a potential early symptom, is only one aspect of the multifaceted nature of Parkinson's disease. While this study sheds light on the connection between anxiety and Parkinson's, further research is necessary to fully comprehend the complexities of this neurodegenerative disorder.

Dr Jaideep Bansal, senior director and head of neurology at Fortis Hospital, Shalimar Bagh, said, "This study prompts healthcare professionals to give more consideration to anxiety symptoms in elderly patients and incorporate them into a comprehensive diagnostic process."

"By recognising and addressing anxiety in a timely manner," Dr Bansal suggests, "we can enhance the overall well-being of people at risk."

Research shows that anxiety can appear prior to motor symptoms and that individuals with PD generally experience higher levels of anxiety.

"One theory suggests that PD may influence the brain's fear circuitry and may be linked to cognitive changes that happen before other symptoms become apparent," said Dr (Col) Joy Dev Mukherji, vice chairman & head of neurology, Max Super Speciality

Dr PNI Renjen, senior neurology consultant at Indra-prashta Apollo Hospitals, stated that chronic anxiety can lead to elevated levels of stress hormones, particularly cortisol. The increase in cortisol can damage dopamine-producing neurons in the brain, which is a distinctive feature of Parkinson's disease.

"This damage can disrupt the normal functioning of the brain's motor control systems, leading to the characteristic symptoms of Parkinson's, such as tremors, rigidity, and bradykinesia," he said.

Furthermore, anxiety can trigger inflammation, oxidative stress, and mitochondrial dysfunction within the brain. These processes collectively contribute to the neurodegenerative progression observed in Parkinson's disease.

"Some people may experience persistent and unexplained feelings of worry and unease, indicative of a generalised anxiety disorder. Others might encounter sudden episodes of intense fear accompanied by physical symptoms such as a rapid heartbeat and sweating, which are characteristic of panic attacks. Additionally, social situations may trigger heightened self-consciousness and discomfort, leading to social anxiety. These manifestations of anxiety in PD often arise without a clear external cause and tend to persist over an extended period," said Dr Biplob Das, director and senior consultant, neurology, Narayana Hospital, Gurgaon.

Anxiety is a common experience that everyone faces, but when it becomes persistent, uncontrollable, and reaches a pathological level, it can be a predisposing factor for certain conditions, said Prof Manjari Tripathi, head of neurology department of AIIMS. She added that it is important to note that "not all anxious patients will have Parkinson's disease".

Fortunately, anxiety can be managed through both pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches. "Adjusting one's lifestyle, exercise, yoga, seeking the help of a therapist, and taking prescribed medication may help lower the chances of developing PD.

## Gang forged papers to get bail, busted

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Noida: Five members of a gang were arrested on Monday for allegedly forging ID documents to get bail at Surajpur district court. Three more members are now on the run.

According to the DCP of central Noida, Sunil, the suspects have been identified as Varun Sharma (29), Birbal (47), Naresh Chandra (48), residents of Bulandshahr, and Ajaz (25) and Ismail (50), residents of Dadri.

"The gang used to pose as guarantors for jailed prisoners, and the Aadhar card address mentioned by the guarantors at the time of the paperwork in court used to be fake," she said.

Police said as of now, three cases have come to the fore in which the suspects released prisoners on bail with the help of fake documents. Nine fake Aadhar cards, 16 fake bail affidavits, 25 fake stamps, and multiple documents used at the time of bail were recovered from their possession. The DCP said the suspects have been operating the gang for the past two years.

"Investigations are underway to check their crime records and the number of people they released using fake documents," said Surajpur SHO Manoj Kumar Singh. A case was lodged against them at Surajpur police station on Monday.

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# Rahul's 'not Hindus' jibe at BJP draws angry reaction

## Insult To Crores Of Hindus, Says Party, Demands Apology

New Delhi: BJP on Monday protested inside and outside Parliament after leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi said in Lok Sabha that the saffron party's members are "not Hindus" as they promote division and violence.

While PM Narendra Modi said it is a serious matter that Gandhi is "calling the entire Hindu society" violent, Union home minister Amit Shah and other ministers demanded an apology from the Congress functionary.

Rahul Gandhi took a swipe at BJP in the Lok Sabha, saying those who call themselves Hindus are engaged in "violence and hate" round the clock. As the remarks sparked protests by the treasury benches, Gandhi was heard saying, "BJP and RSS do not represent all the Hindus... We are also Hindus."

Shah claimed Gandhi "insulted" crores of Hindus by saying that they commit violence, spread hatred and lies. "He should apologise for this,"



PM Modi said it is a serious matter that Rahul Gandhi is 'calling the entire Hindu society' violent. Nirmala Sitharaman said, 'appeasement politics of Congress and Gandhi 'starts and ends with Hindu hate'.

Union health minister and BJP president J P Nadda also lambasted Gandhi. "First day worst show! Lies + Hindu hatred = Rahul Gandhi ji in Parliament. Third Time Fail LoP has a knack for agitated, flawed logic. His speech today has shown that neither has he understood the mandate of 2024 (his third successive loss) nor does he have any humility," he posted on X.

Nadda said Gandhi "lied" on many counts including matters that concern the country's "hardworking farmers and brave armed forces."

But he was "duly fact checked" by Union ministers for making "false claims" on the MSP and the Agrievor scheme, he said. "For his own cheap politics, he won't even spare our farmers and security forces."

Nadda said discussion on the Prez's speech is about a "healthy debate" but the opposition, in its "misplaced triumphalism", continues to be destructive, not constructive.

"Never in the last 60 years has an opposition been rejected 3 times consecutively. The way they are going, they will beat their own record in the coming times, he said."

"Rahul Gandhi Ji must immediately apologise to all Hindus for terming them as violent. This is the same person who was telling foreign diplomats that Hindus are terrorists. This intrinsic hate towards Hindus must stop," he added. Nadda also demanded Gandhi to apologise to Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla, alleging that his "utterances" towards the Chair were in "very poor taste".

Flaying Gandhi for his remarks, Union minister Nirmala Sitharaman alleged the appeasement politics of the Congress and Gandhi "starts and ends with Hindu hate".

Union minister Chirag Paswan said, "...Making personal comments against someone and hurting the faith of the people will not be tolerated." PM

# Oppn clashes with govt in RS over new laws, agencies' 'misuse'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The discussion on the Prez's address in the afternoon saw the treasury benches and the opposition clash numerous times as allegations were hurled by speakers. From demands for a speedy investigation to punish the guilty in the paper leaks and irregularities in NEET and issues like special status for Andhra Pradesh to the opposition attacking govt for misusing central agencies, bulldozing bills like the new criminal laws in the past and making a mockery of the federal structure - members from TMC, DMK, CPI (M), CPI, YSRCP, RJD and AAP among others raised a wide range of issues.

DMK's Tiruchi Siva said that the Prez had in her address said that her govt has a clear majority; however, people only gave a verdict in the recently concluded Lok Sabha election and not a majority. "One thing I am sure is that after this election results and govt has taken over, they can't bulldoze the bills as they

were doing earlier. The opposition is very strong in the Lok Sabha," he said while speaking over the Motion of Thanks to the Prez's speech.

Media Raghunadha Reddy (YSRCP) among other issues demanded special category status for Andhra Pradesh. TMC functionary Jaishankar Sircar lashed out at govt saying that inequality has reached "insane proportions" under this govt.

On a day the INDIA bloc parties held a protest in Parliament complex on the misuse of agencies like ED, CBI and income tax AAP functionary Sanjay Singh during the discussion accused the NDA govt of indulging in politics of vendetta by using agencies to put functionaries of opposition parties in jail.

NCP functionary Praful Patel launched a scathing attack on the opposition saying that the NDA govt has not used Article 356 (which gives Centre power to dissolve state assemblies) in the past 10 years. He praised govt for push to infrastructure development.

# Rahul enjoyed power without responsibility, says Thakur

New Delhi: BJP MP Anurag Thakur on Monday listed several economic achievements of the NDA govt in the past 10 years and took a swipe at Rahul Gandhi, saying he was enjoying power without responsibility till he became leader of opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha.

Initiating the discussion on the motion of thanks on the Prez's address, Thakur said the Lok Sabha elections have kept those at Rahul on the opposition benches for the third time.

While congratulating Rahul on becoming LoP Thakur said the Congress functionary now has power with responsibility and "absentee land lordism will not work".

Thakur asserted this in an "agni-pariksha" for the Congress functionary now. "Will he sit in Lok Sabha all day?... He is not there (even) now," he added. Rahul was not in the House when Thakur made the remarks and there were protests from opposition members.

He threw a challenge at opposition MPs asking them how many pages are there in the Indian Constitution and saying that they did not even bother to read it but waved it around.

# Parl pays tribute to '85 'Kanishka' bombing victims

New Delhi: Both Houses of Parliament observed a moment of silence on Monday in memory of the victims of the AI 182 'Kanishka' bombing, a week after another anniversary of the terrorist attack.

RS Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar said June 23, 2024, marked the anniversary of one of the darkest days in the fight against terrorism, as two Air India aircraft flying out of Canada were targeted by terrorists. Regrettably, justice was never fully served in these cases and such acts can never be justified, he added. The horrific terrorist attack, that took place on June 23, 1985, had claimed 329 lives.

Dhankhar also underlined the importance of vowing zero tolerance towards terrorism and violent extremism.

# 'Deeply regrettable,' says RSS of Rahul comment; an 'injustice', adds VHP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi's remarks on Hindus in Lok Sabha on Monday sparked sharp reactions from the saffron organisations as the fountainhead Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its affiliate VHP joined BJP in accusing the Congress functionary of inflicting "grave insult" on Hindus.

"It is extremely unfortunate that people holding responsible and important positions in Parliament are linking Hindutva with violence. Whether Hindutva is of Vivekananda or Gandhi, it is a symbol of harmony and brotherhood. Such reaction about Hindutva is deeply regrettable," said RSS national media head Sunil Ambekar.

President of Vishwa Hindu Parishad Alok Kumar said Rahul Gandhi's comments "linking Hindus to violence" was an injustice to a community which never used violence to convert others.



Yogi Adityanath was among those who hit out at Rahul. B.P.'s Sudhanshu Trivedi said P Chidambaram and Sushil Shinde had maligned Hindus by associating them with terrorism.

But in line with the policy Congress followed since Independent era where it allowed other communities to practise their faith but advised the majority community to become "secular".

# Birla, Dhankhar tick off Cong for 'mic off' charge

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar took exception to allegations that microphones were turned off when opposition functionaries were speaking and said presiding officers did not have any switch or remote control to turn off the mikes.

Birla said, "The chair only gives ruling/directives. The member whose name is called gets to speak in the House. The mike is controlled as per the directives of the chair. The person sitting in the chair does not have a remote control or a switch for the microphones."

He said members of all parties had representation on the panel of chairpersons who preside over proceedings in the absence of the speaker. "This is a matter of the dignity of the chair. At least those who occupy the chair should not raise such objections. (K) Suresh also occupies the chair. Does the chair have control of the mike?" he asked, addressing the Congress veteran.

In Rajya Sabha, responding to allegations of Congress MP Pramod Tiwari that LoP Mallikarjun Kharge's mike was turned off when he was speaking, Dhankhar said, "Do you believe the mics are switched off? You only want to do these optics. This is automatic. Can't we understand a simple technology? None has the authority to switch off the mics. Such talk is only to create illusion, taint, tarnish and diminish our institutions. You know it Kharge ji, it's mechanically controlled. When I speak, mic of no one works. This is the concept."

Later in the day, LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi raised the issue, asking who controlled the microphone. In response, Birla said, "This has been raised several times. I don't have any button to switch off the microphone. There existed a similar set-up earlier. I have requested several times that such allegations should not be raised against the chair."



Jagdeep Dhankhar with Rajya Sabha MP Jaya Bachchan after administering her oath at Parliament House in New Delhi on Monday.

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# People remain committed to motherland despite adverse circumstances: Bhagwat

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Varanasi: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Monday said that "despite a bid by different quarters to create an atmosphere of disharmony, countrymen always love their motherland".

Bhagwat was addressing a gathering after releasing a book on the life of the legendary martyr, Param Vir Chakra recipient Abdul Hamid at his native village Dhamupur in Ghazipur district.

"One must take inspiration from our motherland, our ancient and rich culture and our ancestors' ideals to make our country strong and developed as the entire world is looking towards India with great expectations," Bhagwat said, adding that no matter how adverse circumstances are, people remain



Paying tribute to Abdul Hamid on his birth anniversary at Ghazipur on Monday, Bhagwat said the martyr left an example for coming generations.

committed to the motherland. Abdul Hamid, the 1965 Indo-Pak war hero, is known for destroying Pakistan's Patton tanks with his RCL gun and compelling the enemy to flee Khemkaran. He was awarded the Param Vir Chakra posthumously.

Speaking about the country's

pluralistic culture, Bhagwat said during wartime, all countrymen sidelined their differences and stood together to save the motherland. He recalled that Tamil Nadu's first chief minister CN Annadurai at one point of time "used to call Tamil region a separate territory". "But when China attacked the country, he said that the attack on Himalaya was an attack on Tamil Nadu."

The RSS chief said that in the battlefield there are only two options. "One can escape to save himself or sacrifice one's life for the motherland. Veer Abdul Hamid also had a family. He was a good father. He had cordial relations with people of his village. But, he chose to protect the motherland and countrymen." He added that the martyr left an example for coming generations by giving the supreme sacrifice for his country.

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COURSE CONTENT: Introduction about ISO, Principles of ISO standard, Detailed discussion on standards, Assessment of participants, Aspects and impacts, Quality Environment, Occupational health and safety, Hazard identification and Risk assessment.  
Date: 08, 09, 10, 11, 12 July 2024  
Time: 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM  
Fees: 15400/-  
For more Details: 9600776611, 7358887633, 8067350368  
E-Certificate will be Awarded

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER**  
**RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNDARGARH**  
ATPO-SANKARA, SUNDARGARH-751020. E-mail address: [sure.sundargarh@yahoo.com](mailto:sure.sundargarh@yahoo.com)  
No Tender Online - RWCCESNG-03 of 2024-25. Last No 1419 Dtd. 27.06.2024  
e-Procurement NOTICE  
Buildings (DMF)  
As specified in the column-6 of the Annexure  
As specified in the column-5 of the Annexure  
As per Annexure attached  
As specified in the column-4 of the Annexure  
1. Type of the Work  
2. Class of Contractor  
3. Time of Completion  
4. Detail Projects  
5. Estimated Cost  
6. Other details  
Procurement Officer  
Bid Identification No.  
Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From To  
Last Date & Time of Tender Opening  
Technical Bid  
Financial Bid  
1. Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh  
Further details can be seen from the website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)  
Sd/-  
Chief Engineer (Design & Quality Control)  
Chief Construction Engineer (JC)  
Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh  
Date: 25/07/2024

**Government of Madhya Pradesh, Office of the Engineer-in-Chief**  
**Water Resources Department,**  
**Jai Sansadhan Bhawan, Tulsi Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.)**  
Email id: [caproc.enrcwd.bpl@nic.in](mailto:caproc.enrcwd.bpl@nic.in) Tel: 0755-2767635 Fax: 0755-2562406  
N.I.T. No. 1071/2024-25/E-n-C/e-tendering Bhopal, Dated 26.06.2024  
Bids for following works are invited on website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> Last Date of purchase/ download of Bid Document and submission of bid is 16-07-2024, 17:30 hrs. Any amendment/modification can be seen only on the website. Detailed N.I.T. and other details can be viewed on above mentioned website  
S. No. Tender No. Work District Amount (Lakhs)  
1. 2024\_WRD\_349136 Construction and development of basic facilities for rehabilitation of village keshopur under Kanyakubera Medium Irrigation Project Sehore 793.84  
2. 2024\_WRD\_349138 Construction of building at village dhanora, barahatryian, kunda, mouat, keowari sambha, jamuni ya and mohgaon at block Chhindwara and Chourai Chhindwara 409.50  
Sd/-  
Chief Engineer (Procurement)

**National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Raebareli**  
(An Autonomous Institute under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt. of India)  
Transit Campus of NIPER, Raebareli, Bypass-Sisodi Road, Village-Kamla Nagar (U.A. Ahmednagar), Post-Block, Saranpur Nagar, Lucknow - 226002. Phone: 0522-3407903. Web: [www.niper-raebareli.edu.in](http://www.niper-raebareli.edu.in)  
NIPER-Raebareli Invites online Application for the following regular faculty positions on direct recruitment basis:  
Post Code Designation / Position Discipline Pay Level (7th CPC) UR OBC SC ST EWS Max. Age (in Yrs.)  
Adv. No.: 01/2024 Dated 01<sup>st</sup> July, 2024  
T-001 Professor Pharmaceutical Analysis / Medicinal Chemistry 14 01 00 00 00 00 50  
T-002 Professor Pharmaceuticals / Regulatory Affairs 14 01 00 00 00 00 50  
T-003 Professor Pharmacology & Toxicology / Regulatory Toxicology 14 01 00 00 00 00 50  
T-004 Assistant Professor Biotechnology 12 01 00 00 00 00 40  
Date & time of commencement of Online Applications 01.07.2024 from 11:00 AM  
Last date & time of Online Application & Payment of Fees 14.08.2024 up to 06:00 PM  
Last date for receipt of a hard copy of the online application 23.08.2024 up to 05:00 PM along with all enclosures  
For the online application form and other important details, please visit Institute's Website: <http://niperraebareli.edu.in/>  
Abbreviations Used:  
UR - Unreserved. OBC - Other backward Classes. SC - Scheduled Castes. ST - Scheduled Tribe & EWS - Economically Weaker Sections  
Sd/-  
Registrar

## NOTICE FOR EXTENSION OF LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The last date for submission of applications for teaching positions vide advertisement no. ASDM/ASUP/122/2023 dated 08 March 2024, is hereby extended till 16.07.2024 upto 5 P.M.

All other terms and conditions of the earlier advertisement including eligibility criteria, age limit, qualification etc shall remain the same. For details visit our website <https://asu.ac.in> in the Recruitment & Career section

Sd/-  
Registrar  
Assam Skill University  
Janasanyog/Df/442/24/2-Jul-24

**Indian Highways Management Company Limited**  
(An Initiative of National Highways Authority of India)  
Regd. Office: NHAI, G-3 & 6, Sector-18, Dwarka  
New Delhi-110075

## RECRUITMENT NOTICE

HMCL invites applications from young, energetic, and dynamic individuals to join its workforce for the following positions:

Posts	No. of Posts	Mode of Recruitment
Engineer (ITS)	30	Direct Recruitment through GATE Score
Officer (Finance)	01	Direct Recruitment through CA/CMA Final Marks

For details, kindly visit website <https://hmcl.co.in/careers>

Last date for submission of online application - 16.08.2024 (upto 6.00 PM)

**thsti** **BRIC-Translational Health Science and Technology Institute**  
(An Institute of the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council, Govt. of India)  
NCR Biotech Science Cluster, 3<sup>rd</sup> Milestone, Faridabad - Gurugram Expressway, P.O. Box No. 94, Faridabad - 121001

## Recruitment Notice No. THS/RN/27/2024

THSTI proposes to fill the following positions under the projects of THSTI: 1. Principal Scientist-I/2 Research Scientist-3 Technical Officer-II/4 Technical Officer-I

For more details, please visit our website: [www.thsti.res.in](http://www.thsti.res.in)

**cmptdi** **CENTRAL MINE PLANNING & DESIGN INSTITUTE LIMITED**  
(A Department of Coal Field Limited, Govt. of India)  
Sector-1, Kankar Road, Ranchi-834001

## NOTICE

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on websites of Coal India Ltd. [www.coalindia.in](http://www.coalindia.in) respective Subsidiary Company (CMPTDI, [www.cmptdi.co.in](http://www.cmptdi.co.in)). CIL e-procurement portal <https://coalindiatenders.mic.in> and Central Public Procurement Portal: <https://eprocure.gov.in> In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal <https://gem.gov.in>".

**Government of Jharkhand**  
**Department of School Education and Literacy**  
**Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi**  
JSCA Stadium Road, Sector-III, Dhanu, Ranchi-834004  
Phone: 0651-2444501, E-Mail: [jpecranchi@gmail.com](mailto:jpecranchi@gmail.com)  
Ref. No.: JEPC/CIA-03/703.2022/2292  
Notice, Date: 28.06.2024  
e-Procurement Notice

JEPC invites Separate Technical & Financial Bids through e-procurement method from eligible and interested contractors registered in appropriate class for Strengthening and Infrastructure Development of 02 Nos. of Kusturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya located in Ramgarh District of Jharkhand. Interested and eligible bidders are requested to submit their proposal latest by 2:00 PM on 24.07.2024.

The details of tender documents can be seen and applied through website <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> only Tender notification & Tender document can also be seen (read only purpose) from departmental website <https://jpec.jharkhand.gov.in>

Sd/-  
(Aditya Ranjan)  
State Project Director  
Jharkhand Education Project Council  
PR.No.328220 Jharkhand Education Project Council(24-25) D

## SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

**CASH & ACCOUNTS-II**  
NOTICE to nationalized banks for investment of an amount of Rs. 104,26,05,223/- (Rs. One Hundred Four Crore Twenty Six Lakh Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Three only plus interest accrued thereon) IN FIXED DEPOSIT.

All the Nationalized Banks are informed that the above mentioned amount is to be invested in Fixed Deposit for a period of 01 Year. Interested Nationalized Banks are requested to quote in sealed cover, the highest rate of interest valid till 08.07.2024, for this deposit in accordance with the prescribed format and hand over personally to the undersigned upto 5.00 p.m. on 05.07.2024. No offer will be accepted after 5.00 p.m.

For more details, prescribed format and instructions, log on to [www.supremecourtindia.nic.in](http://www.supremecourtindia.nic.in)

Place: New Delhi (TAPAN KISHORE SHARMA)  
Date: 01.07.2024 Drawing & Disbursing Officer, Supreme Court of India

## Government of Punjab Department of Higher Education

**Appointment of Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi University, Patiala**  
(A State Public University Established under Act 1961)  
Punjabi University, Patiala is an institution of excellence in higher learning and research. Punjabi University, Patiala established in 1961 is a premier institution of Punjab with more than 53,700 Students and 63 teaching and research departments, 16 Regional Campuses/Constituent Colleges and about 258 affiliated Colleges.

To apply for the position of Vice Chancellor, the following UGC qualifications will be applicable:-

- A person possessing the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment is to be appointed as Vice-Chancellor. The person to be appointed as a Vice-Chancellor should be a distinguished academician, with a minimum of ten years of experience as Professor in a University or ten years of experience in a reputed research and/or academic administrative organization with proof of having demonstrated academic leadership.
- The age of the applicant should not be more than 67 years as on the closing date of receipt of application.
- The appointment shall be for a period of three years.

## Procedure for appointment

- The appointment will be made from a panel of names recommended by the Search-Cum-Selection Committee.
- Reputed academicians may also nominate the name of the candidates for the post of Vice-Chancellor.
- The search-cum-selection committee may consider the name of any academician who may not have even applied and who fulfils the requisite qualifications for the post of Vice Chancellor.
- The Advertisement and Format of Application are available at Department of Higher Education Website (<https://pbhe.punjab.gov.in>) and University Website (<https://www.punjabuniversity.ac.in>).
- Applications of eligible individuals received by post through candidates/ nominators, in the prescribed proforma shall be considered. Such applications should reach by 22.07.2024 at 4:00 P.M. by Registered/Speed Post to

Secretary, Higher Education  
Government of Punjab  
Room No. 710, Seventh Floor,  
Punjab Civil Secretariat-2  
Chandigarh (0172-2742691)

\*Application for the post of Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala, should be subscribed on the envelope. The application should reach the above address on or before 4:00 PM on 22.07.2024.

This department is not responsible for postal delay.

Sd/-  
Secretary Higher Education  
Government of Punjab  
Advt. No. -ns/1223795/2023/35180



OFFICE OF THE ADDL. DY. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE-II:  
ROHINI DISTRICT.  
DCP OFFICE COMPLEX SECTOR-5, ROHINI, DELHI,  
E-mail : adcp2-rohini-dl@delhipolice.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Below mentioned vehicles have been seized U/s 66 DP Act, 1978 in the Police Stations of Rohini District on the date mentioned against each list (list enclosed) :-

Now, in Exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the commissioner of Police, Delhi and as envisaged vide section 67 (1) Delhi Police Act 1978, the aforesaid list of 432 Vehicles are to be notified for the information of general public through this proclamation. Any Person, Who may have a claim there establish his claim within six months of issue of this Proclamation.

This Proclamation should be given vide publicity among the general public and be displayed on the notice board of the court and in the police stations.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED VEHICLES SEIZED U/S 66 D.P. ACT

S. No.	Police Station	Reg. No.	Eng. No.	Ch. No.	Type of Vehicle	Make	Model
1	Aman Vihar	NA	5746780V	211385	Four Wheeler	Maruti	Marti Esteem Car
2	Aman Vihar	DL-8SCJ-0475	187039	636983	Four Wheeler	Maruti	M/Zen
3	Aman Vihar	DL-3CBC-5720	163020	182577	Four Wheeler	Maruti	Ecco Car
4	Aman Vihar	MH-04Q-1932	Invisible	Invisible	Four Wheeler	Mahindra	Bolero
5	Aman Vihar	DL-8ST-5732	17953	20632	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion
6	Aman Vihar	DL-8S-AT-9032	20661	20658	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	Yamaha
7	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBP-6845	25896	13742	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Hero Honda
8	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAH-8977	61332	3820	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Star
9	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAK-3953	93878	70459	Two Wheeler		M/Cycle
10	Aman Vihar	Motorcycle	44877	39997	Two Wheeler		M/Cycle
11	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBK-1868	13116	3562	Two Wheeler		M/Cycle
12	Aman Vihar	DL-6SU-1497	41101	23315	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Victor
13	Aman Vihar	DL-9SH-4776	-	-	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Victor
14	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAB-6424	-	24737	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS
15	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBK-8500	-	24052	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
16	Aman Vihar	DL-2SM-1754	3106	3343	Two Wheeler	Hero	Super Splender
17	Aman Vihar	DL-7SBC-2902	-	11585	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
18	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBJ-2521	-	47259	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
19	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAU-7692	-	31247	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
20	Aman Vihar	DL-6SV-0879	35479	79492	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Kelivar
21	Aman Vihar	DL-4SC-2832	6923	1209	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendar
22	Aman Vihar	HR-10N-6703	5693	-	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendar
23	Aman Vihar	DL-5SAC-9238	-	55816	Two Wheeler	Hero	M/Cycle
24	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAD-8604	88270	78829	Two Wheeler	Hero	M/Cy
25	Aman Vihar	DL-8SNA-1431	45861	-	Two Wheeler	TVS	Scooty
26	Aman Vihar	DED-8293	3003510	2003510	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	Yamaha
27	Aman Vihar	PB0Z-AR-8387	-	40904	Two Wheeler	Hero	M/Cycle
28	Aman Vihar	Burnt	-	-	Two Wheeler		M/Cycle
29	Aman Vihar	DL-1SU-1048	440	7485	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendar
30	Aman Vihar	DL-11S-8211	67166	15640	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Sport
31	Aman Vihar	DL-8SBD-0841	22325	40046	Two Wheeler		M/Cycle
32	Aman Vihar	DL-4SAR-3912	-	-	Two Wheeler	Honda	CBZ Honda
33	Aman Vihar	DL-1RM-4823	-	-	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	TSR
34	Aman Vihar	DL-4SAE-5476	16731	27010	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion
35	Aman Vihar	DL-4SF-2874	-	57036	Two Wheeler	TVS	Apache
36	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBG-7711	-	15372	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Super Splender
37	Aman Vihar	CH NO 59909	55485	59909	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
38	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBQ-3765	-	-	Two Wheeler	TVS	Scooty
39	Aman Vihar	UP-12S-3602	75770	75928	Two Wheeler	TVS	Activa
40	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBQ-3450	49851	33125	Two Wheeler	TVS	Scooty
41	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAS-7314	59070	-	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion Plus
42	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBY-2810	-	-	Two Wheeler	TVS	Apache
43	Aman Vihar	DL-8ST-0745	12147	12098	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	Fazar
44	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAD-1995	60806	6	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion
45	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBP-9387	18875	14141	Two Wheeler	Hero	CD Delux
46	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBW-2348	38789	52775	Two Wheeler	Hero	M/Cycle
47	Aman Vihar	DL-8SBE-2399	10737	10295	Two Wheeler	TVS	Vespa Scooty
48	Aman Vihar	DL-4SND-7219	-	66310	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
49	Aman Vihar	PB-65J-5529	15398	95955	Two Wheeler	TVS	Apache
50	Aman Vihar	DL-4SAZ-5446	1289	1527	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda
51	Aman Vihar	DL-3S-BS-1947	-	-	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Sport
52	Aman Vihar	DL-1RL-6440	40935	29651	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	TSR
53	Aman Vihar	DL-6SAK 5599	48241	69531	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
54	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBF 9007	-	22326	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda
55	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAY-0731	7023002	70230	Two Wheeler	Bullet	Royal Enfield
56	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAM-4178	59733	78820	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
57	Aman Vihar	DL-4SAJ-8744	-	14447	Two Wheeler	Honda	Hunk
58	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBJ-2818	33616	33493	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
59	Aman Vihar	DL-11SF-3730	85715	93647	Two Wheeler	TVS	Apache
60	Aman Vihar	DL-6SAJ-0177	58588	70868	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
61	Aman Vihar	DL-9SV-0915	72395	81367	Two Wheeler		M/Cyle
62	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAA-8942	-	43898	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Platina
63	Aman Vihar	HR-13E-0823	12857	12925	Two Wheeler	TVS	Apache
64	Aman Vihar	DL-3SBV-3908	-	52932	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
65	Aman Vihar	DL-6SAF-6339	-	67979	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
66	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBG-1135	-	808	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion
67	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBH-2408	81849	43846	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
68	Aman Vihar	HR-26CS-4723	-	9421	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
69	Aman Vihar	DL-8SW-9496	-	48437	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
70	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBN-9606	-	20093	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
71	Aman Vihar	DL-8SBA-0903	83	82071	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
72	Aman Vihar	UP-53W-8406	-	3501	Two Wheeler		M/Cycle
73	Aman Vihar	DL-4SAQ-7621	-	10071	Two Wheeler		M/Cycle
74	Aman Vihar	DL-10SA-8157	52969	88069	Two Wheeler		M/Cycle
75	Aman Vihar	DL-13ST-1270	-	19290	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion
76	Aman Vihar	DL-8SBH-1477	-	82593	Two Wheeler	TVS	RTR

S. No.	Police Station	Reg. No.	Eng. No.	Ch. No.	Type of Vehicle	Make	Model
77	Aman Vihar	UP-14AN-0683	-	46873	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Star City
78	Aman Vihar	DL-3SCU-6894	12552	-	Two Wheeler	TVS	Activa
79	Aman Vihar	DL-3SBS-2638	28597	28895	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	FZ
80	Aman Vihar	DL-8SB-8171	-	3956	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	Rx-100
81	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBT-6227	-	63168	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
82	Aman Vihar	DL-9SAH-2410	-	-	Two Wheeler	Hero	CD Delux
83	Aman Vihar	DL-5SAB-9404	6108	85113	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	Yamaha
84	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBG-6722	-	82798	Two Wheeler	Honda	Hunk
85	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBD-6636	-	71774	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
86	Aman Vihar	E-RICKSHAW	-	-	Two Wheeler		-
87	Aman Vihar	DL-11SH-1443	16628	7216899	Two Wheeler	TVS	Scooty Activa
88	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAL-3181	13983	13622	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	FZ
89	Aman Vihar	DL 4SAE 6290	-	-	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion
90	Aman Vihar	DL-4SAG-6477	-	9845	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion
91	Aman Vihar	DL-6SAR-6393	-	7033	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
92	Aman Vihar	DL-8SAN-0254	-	70034	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Platina
93	Aman Vihar	DL-4SAD-6844	72618	-	Two Wheeler	TVS	Activa
94	Aman Vihar	DL-4SCJ-7307	55305	38987	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
95	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBW-7994	-	-	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion Pro
96	Aman Vihar	DL-12SA-5995	3849	4110	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Super Splendar Hero
97	Aman Vihar	ENG No 27976	27976	8313	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion Pro
98	Aman Vihar	ENG NO 58133	58133	33415	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	M/Cycle Discover
99	Aman Vihar	DL-4SCH-0766	19601	19286	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendar
100	Aman Vihar	DL-4SCK-3573	-	82847	Two Wheeler		M/Cycle
101	Aman Vihar	DL-8SBE-7287	-	-	Two Wheeler	TVS	Scooty
102	Aman Vihar	DL-11SS-3626	-	86693	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Scooty
103	Aman Vihar	DL-1SX-2409	GR-188	11220	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
104	Aman Vihar	DL-4SCD-0172	-	9409	Two Wheeler	Hero	CD Deluxe
105	Aman Vihar	N/A	95954	64282	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion
106	Aman Vihar	DL-4SBF-9187	84572	-	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Eterno
107	Aman Vihar	DL-11SY-8063	32680	-	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
108	Aman Vihar	HR-13D-6772	-	-	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion
109	Aman Vihar	DL-11SB-7027	5702	16890	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Super Splender
110	Aman Vihar	DL-8SBW-7294	-	-	Two Wheeler		-
111	Aman Vihar	HR-55V-5409	41143	-	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	TSR Hra & B ack
112	Aman Vihar	DL-1SZ-6203	98874	39478	Two Wheeler	TVS	Appachi
113	Aman Vihar	DL-8SNO-7094	-	-	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar Bajaj
114	Aman Vihar	DL 8SBV 7882	99795	37156	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
115	Aman Vihar	DL8S BT 6685	30058	91811	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
116	Aman Vihar	DL 4S CU 8777	37543	30116	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
117	Aman Vihar	DL11 S 9854	4418	-	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
118	Aman Vihar	HR 26 CY 3381	14468	15686	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
119	Aman Vihar	DL 7SS 2073	6478	9660	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Hero Honda
120	Aman Vihar	DL 11 SH 3726	-	13333	Two Wheeler	Honda	H Twister
121	Aman Vihar	DL 9SAX 8833	9325	10830	Two Wheeler	TVS	Scooty
122	Aman Vihar	DL 6SAL 9617	19441	19526	Two Wheeler	TVS	Scooty
123	Aman Vihar	DL 8SBH 2282	80095	91207	Two Wheeler	TVS	Apache
124	Aman Vihar	DL 8SAY 5228	JZUBUE	ZZUPD	Two Wheeler	Bab	Discover
125	Aman Vihar	DL 10ST 1501	2140	1541	Two Wheeler	TVS	Scooty
126	Aman Vihar	DL 8SNA 3645	-	-	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Splendor
127	Aman Vihar	DL 11E 8493	387	20	Two Wheeler	TVS	Apache
128	Aman Vihar	UP 15 AY 2855	28400	-	Two Wheeler	Ba	Pulsar
129	Aman Vihar	UP 65 BP 9654	9914	25861	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	CD Deluxe
130	Aman Vihar	DL 7SBW 0496	235	146	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion Pro
131	Aman Vihar	DL 4SDM 0129	-	50942	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	HF Deluxe
132	Aman Vihar	DL 11 ST 8650	80917	-	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Jupiter
133	Aman Vihar	DL 5SAL 5012	1890	487	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Hero Passion
134	Aman Vihar	DL 8SCJ 7577	61877	91784	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Bajaj Platina
135	Aman Vihar	DL 8SAQ 9447	-	-	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Bajaj Pulsar
136	Aman Vihar	DL 4SCP 6236	B8268	C5704	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendor
137	Aman Vihar	DL 8SBB 6471	82147	58093	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendor
138	Aman Vihar	DL 8SAQ 3192	27670	6704	Two Wheeler		-
139	Aman Vihar	DL 1SX 1841	6867	2125	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendor
140	Aman Vihar	DL 4S BG 1053	33457	72133	Two Wheeler	TVS	Scooty
141	Prem Nagar	DL 8 SAS 3170	8548	4217	M/Cycle	Hero	Splendor Plus
142	Prem Nagar	DL12BB3790	6275	1575	M/Cycle		
143	Prem Nagar	DL 9SAG 1611	51696	2371	M/Cycle	Burnt/Bajaj	Platina
144	Prem Nagar	BR 06BW 0750	750	4225	M/Cycle	Honda	CB125 Shine Sp
145	Prem Nagar	DL 4SBL 1958	75852	74654	M/Cycle	TVS	Appache
146	Prem Nagar	DL 4 SBW 7323	11708	33730	M/Cycle	Hero Honda	Passion Pro
147	Prem Nagar	DL 8 SAV 5340	70411	81793	M/Cycle	Bajaj	Pulsar
148	Prem Nagar	UP 80 TMP 2017	33172	37003	M/Cycle	Hero Honda	Splendor Plus
149	Prem Nagar	DL 8 SBH 1113	13474	78859	M/Cycle	TVS	Appache
150	Prem Nagar	DL 6 SAB 7938	34468	30196	M/Cycle	Bajaj	Pulsar
151	Prem Nagar	DL4SCT-7898	51254	51284	Scooty	Honda	Activa
152	Prem Nagar	DL-7SBQ-5511	2537	32646	M/Cycle	Hero	Passion
153	Prem Nagar	DL11SK1882	43265	23530	M/Cycle	Hero Honda	Passion Pro
154	Prem Nagar	DL8SAY2681	53022	42940	M/Cycle	Bajaj	Discover
155	Prem Nagar	UP78JY9236	59916	122JHY	M/Cycle	Hero	Passion Pro
156	Prem Nagar	DL8SAQ2823	12933	12559	M/Cycle	Bajaj	Platina
157	Prem Nagar	DL4SRX3167	5824	3279	M/Cycle	Hero	Splendor
158	Prem Nagar	DL1SN6359	64820	27604	M/Cycle	Bajaj	Pulsar
159	Prem Nagar	HR26CT9248	94836	44785	M/Cycle	Bajaj	CT-100
160	Prem Nagar	DL8SNB3948	17664	12230	M/Cycle	Hero Honda	Passion Pro
161	Prem Nagar	DL8SCB2303	23120	59201	Scooty	Scooty	Activa
162	Prem Nagar	DL11SR5285	10800	8277	Scooty	Scooty	Activa
163	Prem Nagar	HR51AS3228			Scooty	Honda	Activa
164	Prem Nagar	DL4SCK0802	95039	85524	M/Cycle	Hero Honda	Splendor



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168	Begumpur	DL8SV6181	91757	62560	Two Wheeler	LML	NV Spl
169	Begumpur	DL5SAH5386	81299	95403	Two Wheeler	TVS	Apache
170	Begumpur	DL8SV2859	69259	39994	Two Wheeler	LML	NV Spl
171	Begumpur	DL9SAR9005	29654	29550	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	FZ
172	Begumpur	DL4SAG2972	25281	26033	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion
173	Begumpur	DL11SS3081	69619	24851	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
174	Begumpur	DL5SY7945	2809	1878	Two Wheeler	Hero	CD Delux
175	Begumpur	DL8SNB3336	7537	834	Two Wheeler	Honda	Glamour Disk
176	Begumpur	DL4SBS2387	64571	64568	Two Wheeler	Sz-R	Yamaha SZ-R
177	Begumpur	DL11SF8132	59447	32346	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Sports
178	Begumpur	DL3CR3095	7527	274258	Four Wheeler	Maruti	Maruti Steem
179	Begumpur	DL8SAT5463	32607	32912	Two Wheeler	Honda	Glamour
180	Begumpur	DL4SCC1694	41454	41711	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
181	Begumpur	DL4SBD4252	84350	6968	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
182	Begumpur	DL7SAK6732	24978	25349	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
183	Begumpur	Without No. Plate	25077	22892	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
184	Begumpur	DL11SH7743	7009	207890	Two Wheeler	Honda	New Activa
185	Begumpur	DL8SAY7409	99310	28843	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
186	Begumpur	DL8SAS4903	81750	7977	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Sports
187	Begumpur	DL6SZ4452	2607	64372	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
188	Begumpur	D.8SCM7473	70086	49815	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
189	Begumpur	DL11SY1174	J0592	50668	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Jupiter
190	Begumpur	DL4SCD8540	25429	J00120	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion
191	Begumpur	DL4SCH4825	25627	25810	Two Wheeler		Mestro
192	Begumpur	DL8SBY3346	Y3346	16541	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar 150
193	Begumpur	DL8SAQ6430	15759	13460	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
194	Begumpur	DL8SAQ0437	25938	66222	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
195	Begumpur	DL10SS2678	42608	62573	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar 150
196	Prashant Vihar	DL8SAW0684	16788		Two Wheeler	Honda	Plesure
197	Prashant Vihar	DL4SK2878	1512		Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion Pro
198	Prashant Vihar	DL11SB8871	4790	4631	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion Pro
199	Prashant Vihar	DL8SNA0259	63589	90721	Two Wheeler	TVS	Victor
200	Prashant Vihar	DL8SAC9228	43901	62364	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
201	Prashant Vihar	DL11G4880	14633	15024	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Hf Deluxe
202	Prashant Vihar	DL8SBH9900	91301	47010	Two Wheeler	Suzuki	Swiss UP
203	Prashant Vihar	HR26BE5736	13888	13486	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	FZ
204	Prashant Vihar	DL8SAS7028	3642	1844	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendor
205	Prashant Vihar	DL8SBV1679	23605	19964	Two Wheeler	Hero	Honda
206	Prashant Vihar	DL11N3539	15721	103683	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion Pro
207	Budh Vihar	DL-4SN-1916	84299	70318	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
208	Budh Vihar	DL-11SW-4593	88083	74519	Two Wheeler	Suzuki	Suzuki
209	Budh Vihar	DL-8SV-0142	56193	15099	Two Wheeler	TVS	Vespa LML
210	Budh Vihar	DL-4SAR-7252	7510	6951	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
211	Budh Vihar	DL-3SCA-8942	85842	28475	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
212	Budh Vihar	W/NO PLATE	-		Two Wheeler	Electrotherm	Electroth
213	Budh Vihar	DL-5ST-2855	36024	37209	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
214	Budh Vihar	DL-4SAQ-8749	25482	25476	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
215	Budh Vihar	DL-4SAG-1304	9319	41762	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion Plus
216	Budh Vihar	DL-8SAF-8414		5358	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
217	Budh Vihar	DL-8SAZ-8422		2369	Two Wheeler	Honda	CBZ
218	Budh Vihar	HR-55L-6389		18542	Three Wheeler	TSR Auto	
219	Budh Vihar	DL-4SCC-5507	22237	211040	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
220	Budh Vihar	DL-8SCD-4406	30215	79308	Two Wheeler	TVS	Jupiter
221	Budh Vihar	DL-9SAE-0392	2574	39558	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
222	Budh Vihar	DL-9SBD-3211	10364	4041	Two Wheeler	Hero	Maestro
223	Budh Vihar	W/NO PLATE	-		Three Wheeler	E- Rickshaw	
224	Budh Vihar	DL-3SCE-5371		3417	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
225	Budh Vihar	DL-8SAS-8170	28369	23258	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion
226	Budh Vihar	DL-4SBW-3760	23915	2456	Two Wheeler	Hero	CD-Deluxe
227	Budh Vihar	DL-4SBM-3940	15987	4699	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion Pro
228	Budh Vihar	W/NO PLATE	9910	9927	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	Yamaha
229	Budh Vihar	HR-26BT-6770	76989	91022	Two Wheeler	TVS	Appache
230	Budh Vihar	DL-8SAL-2506	32285	32424	Two Wheeler	Hero	Access
231	Budh Vihar	DL-9SX-4881	12925	13432	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion Pro
232	Budh Vihar	DL-6SAE-4189		9556	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
233	Budh Vihar	DL-9SAG-4003	4756	38239	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
234	Budh Vihar	DL-8SAZ-1216	27892	33232	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion Pro
235	Budh Vihar	DL-4SCB-2235	6291		Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
236	Budh Vihar	DL-11SE 9101	57307	79906	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Platina
237	Budh Vihar	DL-4SPJ-1825	94781		Two Wheeler	Scooty	
238	Budh Vihar	DL-8SAY-4347	58159	1258	Two Wheeler	M/Cycle	
239	Budh Vihar	DL-8SBD-8906	37858	56551	Two Wheeler	M/Cycle	
240	Budh Vihar	DL-4SAU-1533	25369	24999	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion Pro
241	Budh Vihar	HR-08Z-3061	A0703	8947	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Radeon
242	Budh Vihar	JH-01A-3096	61650	2149	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
243	Budh Vihar	DL-8SAU-8109		475	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
244	Budh Vihar	DL-9SBF-9579	47323	49384	Two Wheeler	TVS	Jupiter
245	Budh Vihar	DL-8SNB-7462		10175	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
246	Budh Vihar	DL-4SBV-1488	15775	67120	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
247	Budh Vihar	HR-36R-3023			Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
248	Budh Vihar	DL-3SBD-9490	9104	2379	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
249	Budh Vihar	DL-8SAU-9192		39155	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Platina
250	Budh Vihar	DL-8SAY-5854		48912	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
251	Budh Vihar	HR-12M-7944	49228	2476	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
252	KNK Marg	DL-2FCA-1000	54366	06007	Four Wheeler	Hyundai	Varna
253	KNK Marg	DL-8SAX-5490	51666	88177	Two Wheeler	Suzuki	Suzuki Access 125
254	KNK Marg	DL-8SND-9559	784094	11827	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Jupiter
255	KNK Marg	DL-4SBN-1158	26843	44090	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Bajaj Platina
256	KNK Marg	With out no.	76479	XXXXX	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Jupiter
257	KNK Marg	DL-4SBQ-5835	28012	14228	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
258	KNK Marg	DL-11SF-1087	15508	51482	Two Wheeler	Wega	Wega

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259	KNK Marg	DL-8SAY-7069	17630	67558	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Bajaj Pulsar
260	KNK Marg	DL-8SBW-4338	287661	287559	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
261	KNK Marg	DL-12SC-0885	04410	03941	Two Wheeler	Hero	Hero Splendor Plus
262	KNK Marg	With out no.	03742	XXXXX	Two Wheeler	Honda	CBZ
263	KNK Marg	DL-1SU-8415	19119	10929	Two Wheeler	Hero	Hero Splendor Plus
264	KNK Marg	DL-10SS-2807	20999	21270	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Jupiter
265	KNK Marg	DL-7SAY1490	07931	07986	Two Wheeler	Hero	Pleasure
266	KNK Marg	DL-8SAU-0697	30565	30294	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Bajaj Discover
267	KNK Marg	DL-8SCH-5327	06036	42449	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
268	KNK Marg	DL-11SC-9435	79472	24198	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Jupiter
269	KNK Marg	DL-8SCL-3505	18592	13166	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Jupiter
270	KNK Marg	DL-11H-8752	07113	07085	Two Wheeler	Hero	Hero HF Deluxe
271	KNK Marg	DL-11SH-6922	30165	30421	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
272	KNK Marg	DL-9SP-9038	15746	13445	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Bajaj Pulsar
273	KNK Marg	DL-8SBK-9790	95280	95594	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
274	KNK Marg	DL-4SCR-0192	4433	5374	Two Wheeler	Hero	Maestro
275	KNK Marg	DL-9SBM-9772	23866	13088	Two Wheeler	Vespa	Vespa
276	KNK Marg	DL-1SG-3596	91427	88102	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion Pro
277	KNK Marg	DL-11SL-1110	95912	95865	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
278	KNK Marg	DL-4SCD-1964	04339	00638	Two Wheeler	Hero	Hero Gadiator
279	KNK Marg	DL-6SX-8108	66660	89059	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Bajaj Discover
280	KNK Marg	DL-11SP-2902	22442	23125	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
281	KNK Marg	DL-8SCY-4056	905449	F05754	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Jupiter
282	KNK Marg	DL-8SAT-1874	08524	08536	Two Wheeler	Yamaha	Yamaha FZ
283	KNK Marg	DL-3SBX-9369	39967	40307	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
284	KNK Marg	DL-11SY-6745	19993	20309	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Apache
285	KNK Marg	DL-10ST 5460	201908	201851	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
286	KNK Marg	DL-11SK-5552	18473	18515	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion Pro
287	KNK Marg	DL-11SG-0699	21099	21212	Two Wheeler	Hero	Super Splendor
288	KNK Marg	DL-6SBX-2335	02118	01986	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
289	KNK Marg	DL-8SAS-7685	02105	02255	Two Wheeler	TVS	Pleasure
290	KNK Marg	DL-4SDN-8029	75124	A9959	Two Wheeler	Hero	Hero Passion Pro
291	KNK Marg	DL-4SCM-0235	70821	70766	Two Wheeler	Honda	Honda Activa
292	KNK Marg	DL-8SDA-0809	501057	B01092	Two Wheeler	TVS	TVS Ntorq
293	KNK Marg	DL-5SAK-5352	18979	20314	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Splendor Plus
294	South Rohini	DL8SAS6614	3115	3411	M/Cycle	Splender	Yes
295	South Rohini	PB22G0012	24630		M/Cycle	Splender	Yes
296	South Rohini	DL4SAU9376		9	Scooty	Hero Honda	Yes
297	South Rohini	DL8SBE2721	53620		Scooter		Yes
298	South Rohini	DL11SG0881		1982	M/Cycle		Yes
299	South Rohini	DL8SCA8636	13120	7682	M/Cycle		Yes
300	South Rohini	DL8SAG9777	3558	3483	Scooty	Pleasure	Yes
301	South Rohini	DL11SU0996	54336	1635	M/Cycle		Yes
302	South Rohini	DL11SG1774	1123	1058	M/Cycle		Yes
303	South Rohini	DL12SG0679	44754	4601	M/Cycle	Splender	Yes
304	South Rohini	UP14AP3572	4655	5200	M/Cycle	Pulsar	Yes
305	South Rohini	DL11SC7728		197	Scooty	TVS Jupiter	Yes
306	South Rohini	DL8SNB1957	34664	34060	M/Cycle	Glamour Drum	Yes
307	South Rohini	DL5SAZ4801	698		Scooty		Yes
308	South Rohini	DL4SBC7843	90519	32513	M/Cycle	Platina Alloy	Yes
309	South Rohini	PB05U1184	62792	62807	M/Cycle	Splender	Yes
310	South Rohini	DL9SP1404			M/Cycle	Bajaj CT 100	Yes
311	South Rohini	DL3SAY0946			M/Cycle	Bajaj Platina	Yes
312	South Rohini	DL8SBW4145	335	574	Activa		Yes
313	South Rohini	DL5SAE9560		37989	M/Cycle	Discover	Yes
314	South Rohini	DL8SCK4939			M/Cycle	Suzuki	Yes
315	South Rohini	GJ1DL5490		035 US-3P	M/Cycle		Yes
316	South Rohini	DL-4S NB 4610	4565	3871	M/Cycle	TVS Apache	Yes
317	South Rohini	D L08 BB 6823			M/Cycle		Yes
318	South Rohini	DL8SBZ4517	10839	99919	Scooty		Yes
319	South Rohini	DL 4SBZ 0323	6741	45281	Scooty	Suzuki	Yes
320	South Rohini	DL 11SE 6190		1080	M/Cycle	Bajaj	Yes
321	South Rohini	DL 9CA 8168		72532	M/Cycle	Bajaj Discover	Yes
322	South Rohini	DL 4SBP 0976	32214	4191	M/Cycle	Hero Honda	Yes
323	South Rohini	DL 8SND 1207		79193	M/Cycle	TVS Star City	Yes
324	South Rohini	DL 11SD 3232	2113472	8002259	Scooty	Activa	Yes
325	Vijay Vihar	MH-01 AC 1870	34881	12692	Four Wheeler	Maruti	Zen Estilo
326	Vijay Vihar	DL- 8SAN-9836	16818	12497	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Pleasure
327	Vijay Vihar	One Electric Scooty			Two Wheeler	Hero	Max
328	Vijay Vihar	DL- 8S NA- 1065	9370	5175	Two Wheeler		
329	Vijay Vihar	DL-43BN-5448	71944	78413	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
330	Vijay Vihar	UP 14Z 7066	5851	5848	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
331	Vijay Vihar	UP-15AW-5968	18675	17469	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Splender
332	Vijay Vihar	HR-12 J-1087	5363	68338	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
333	Vijay Vihar	DL - 7SW- 7748	20354	34674	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion
334	Vijay Vihar	Without No. Plate					



# Acerbic Rahul spares none, attacks even Speaker Birla

**‘You Bowed To Modi When Shaking Hands’**

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**New Delhi:** In his first speech as the leader of opposition, Rahul Gandhi spared none in Lok Sabha, with targets of his combative charge being PM Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, and even Speaker Om Birla. Urging “fairness” in the House, Rahul recalled he along with Modi had walked Birla to the Chair on his election as Speaker last week. Addressing Birla, he said “you” were straight when you shook hands with “me”, but you bowed when you shook PM’s hand. A shocked Shah alleged Rahul was levelling allegations against the Chair. When Birla clarified it was “his culture” to bow to elders (Modi) and be equal with contemporaries, Rahul shot back that “nobody is above Speaker” and all should bow to the



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla reacts as LoP Rahul Gandhi speaks in the House during ongoing Parliament session in New Delhi on Monday

Speaker: “We are subservient to the Speaker. Some may feel they are not,” he said.

Rahul was particularly acerbic on Modi, whom he repeatedly teased as “non biological” — we all are born and we die, but “paramatma” speaks to “atma” of Modi. He laughed that Modi had claimed that Mahatma Gandhi was dead and was revived by a movie. It was a reference to Modi’s claim in an interview that he was “non biological” and messenger of the divine. He mocked that demonetisation and order to give Mumbai airport to Adani

were also God’s messages. Rahul said SP’s Faizabad MP Awadhesh Prasad told him that Modi commissioned three surveys with the idea of contesting from “Ayodhya”, but his surveyors told him that he would lose. He then went to Varanasi, and barely escaped defeat.

To demonstrate his point about “abhay mudra” and religious preaching fearlessness, Rahul showed pictures of Lord Shiva, an Islamic motif, Jesus Christ, Guru Nanak, Mahatma Buddha and Mahaveer. When he picked Shiva’s photo again, he pointed

ed to the giant screens in the House and complained that the camera was not on him, an echo of an old complaint. The cameras returned to him, but when he picked the photo again, the focus went back to the Chair. It led to laughter in the House.

Poking fun, Rahul said Modi not only spreads fear outside but has also intimidated the BJP functionaries, pointing out that Rajnath who had earlier greeted him with a smile was now sitting seriously in the PM’s presence. Then, Rahul lectured BJP on “internal democracy”, stating that opposition parties have it, even mentioning Congress’ ginger group — “G 22, G 23”.

When Shah made a stray quip to his account of a Gujarat trip, Rahul said, “I keep going to Gujarat, and this time we will defeat you. Take it in writing, INDIA will defeat you.”

Once, Shah objected to Rahul alleging that BJP had called farmers “terrorists”. But Rahul pointed to Akali Dal MP Harsimrat Badal, and said “your ally is nodding. she also agrees with us.”

**You throttled my voice, lost 63 MPs, Moitra taunts BJP**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** TMC MP Mahua Moitra hit out at BJP saying the governing party wanted to silence her, but the public silenced them.

She was speaking during the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the Prez’s address to a joint sitting of Parliament. Interestingly, when she stood up to speak after Rahul Gandhi, the PM was leaving the House, and she called out to him to stay back since he had come twice to her constituency during the election campaign.

“The last time I stood, I was not allowed to speak. The governing party paid a very heavy price for throttling the voice of one MP,” Moitra said, referring to her expulsion from 17th Lok Sabha in Dec 2023 over the ‘cash-for-query’ case.

“In their attempt to silence me, the public silenced them, causing them to lose 63 MPs... mujhko bithane ke chakkar mein janta ne aapko bitha diya, aapke 63 MPs ko permanently bitha diya. You have gone down from 303 to 240,” the TMC MP added.

# Dhankhar expunges Kharge remarks attacking PM, RSS

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Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said this was the first time when protecting the Constitution has become an issue

**New Delhi:** Leader of opposition in Rayya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday hit out at PM Modi for his comments during the election campaign, which he said had “hurt many”, and also for irregularities in the NEET exam. He went on to allege that people from RSS and BJP had taken over the education system and questioned the Sangh’s role in other spheres, prompting chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar to expunge the remarks.

In response to Kharge’s allegations that vice-chancellors of universities, professors, NCERT and CBSE, among others, were all under the control of RSS and people with good ideas had no place there, Dhankhar said, “This will not go on record. I am expunging it. Is it a crime to be a member of any organisation? You are saying that an organisation took over. This is absolutely wrong. Suppose a person is a member of RSS, is it a crime in itself? What is communal about this?”

Speaking during the debate on the motion of thanks on the Prez’s address, Kharge said this was the first time when protecting the Constitution had become an issue. Without naming Modi, he said, “Now people are worshipping the Constitution. Just touching the forehead with the Constitution won’t work, you have to follow the path laid down in it.”

Kharge said people had taught a lesson to the “arrogant” BJP as he referred to Modi’s “ekakela sabpebhari” and “400 paar” comments. He also

said the PM, who used to speak about the “ils of ‘khichdi’ (alliance) govt”, was now in office because of allies after people brought down BJP’s Lok Sabha tally to only “200 paar”.

The LoP accused Modi of “invoking communal sentiments and creating ‘division’ during the poll campaign. He cited newspaper reports on Modi’s speeches and claimed that it was the first time when a PM spoke about religion in a campaign but did not succeed.

“Govt diverts the attention of people from important issues. When the opposition talks about farmers, Narendra Modi talks about releasing buffaloes. When the opposition talks about BJP’s divisive thinking, he talks about Aurangzeb and Mughals. While the opposition talks of unemployment and paper leaks, Narendra Modi talks of ‘mangal sutra’ and ‘mujra’,” Kharge said. This led to an uproar in the House as treasury members objected vociferously. Dhankhar said, “This is derogatory and defamatory. This can’t go on record.”

# NHRC seeks Bengal report on thrashing of couple by group ‘linked to TMC’

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The National Human Rights Commission has taken suo motu cognisance of reports about a couple being mercilessly beaten up in Lakshimpur village in Uttar Dinajpur district in West Bengal in full public view, by a “group of people” reportedly associated with the TMC which is power in the state. The NHRC has decided to send its team for a spot inquiry into the matter. The commission has issued notices to the chief secretary and director general of police, West Bengal calling for a detailed report within one week. The NHRC

## Notice to Foxconn for ‘systematically excluding’ married women from jobs

The NHRC has taken suo motu cognisance of reported discrimination by Foxconn, a major manufacturer of Apple devices, for allegedly “systematically excluding” married women from jobs at its iPhone assembly plant in Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu. The commission has issued notices to the Union ministry of labour and employment and Tamil Nadu govt calling for a report within one week. TNW

has also asked authorities to tell what steps have been taken by the state govt to ensure that “such incidents of violation of the human rights of the citizens, by politically protected goons, do not recur.” The video of the incident that reportedly happened on June 29 has gone viral on social media causing outrage. The NHRC highlights that according to the media report, the allegations of a love affair between the victim couple were discussed in an open meeting (Panchayat) by the annoyed villagers. Then, the miscreants started beating the duo.

No. F.13 (2)-Trans-2010(Vol-I)/

Dated, the 27.06.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The DEPUTY SECRETARY, Transport Department, Tripura on behalf of Governor of Tripura invites e-tender under TWO BID SYSTEM (Technical & Financial bids) from eligible commercial permit holders (Non-scheduled category) for WET LEASE OF ONE DOUBLE/TWIN ENGINE LIGHT/MEDIUM DUTY passenger helicopter of following specification for an initial period of 4 (four) years and extendable for another 1 (one) year on same rates, terms and conditions.

- One Twin Engine Light/Medium Duty passenger helicopter having carrying capacity of Minimum six (6) passengers @ 85 Kg each including baggage at 10 Kgs per passenger for each passenger, excluding pilots, crew and ATF for official use of VIPs senior officers and public. Annual utilization of helicopter is likely to be 480 hours approximately.
- Other terms and conditions and technical parameters required for the helicopter are specified in the detail Tender Documents.
- If you are in a position to quote for Wet Leasing of Helicopter in accordance with the requirement stated in the attached tender all documents attached herewith should be fully filled in and submitted e-tender.

Sd/-

Deputy Secretary

Government of Tripura

Transport Department

Agartala

ICA/C/623/24

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग

राजपुर रोड, राँची-834001

प्रेस विज्ञापित

विज्ञापन सं-16/2023, विरसा कुमि विश्वविद्यालय, राँची अन्तर्गत पशु चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, राँची में विश्वविद्यालय प्राध्यापक-सह मुख्य वैज्ञानिक (University Professor-cum-Chief Scientist) के पद पर नियमित नियुक्ति के संबंध में आवेदन सूचना।

विरसा कुमि विश्वविद्यालय राँची अन्तर्गत पशु चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय राँची में विश्वविद्यालय प्राध्यापक-सह-मुख्य वैज्ञानिक (University Professor-cum-Chief Scientist) के पद पर नियमित नियुक्ति हेतु विज्ञापन सं-16/2023 का प्रकाशन किया गया था। उक्त विज्ञापन के आलोक में प्राप्त कुल 11(ग्यारह) आवेदनों का विज्ञापन की कड़िका-04 के आलोक में अर्हता की जाँच की गई।

कुल 11(ग्यारह) आवेदनों में 09 आवेदन ऐसे हैं जिसे कठिपय कारणों से अयोग्य घोषित किया गया है। अयोग्य अयोग्यियों की सूची आयोग के वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित की गई है। संबंधित अयोग्य अपनी अयोग्यता का कारण उक्त सूची में देख सकते हैं। यदि किसी अयोग्यी को अपनी अयोग्यता के विरुद्ध दावा करना है तो वे अपना दावा (प्रमाण सहित) दिनांक-02.07.2024 तक email id-professorboul62023@jpsc.gov.in पर online भेज सकते हैं। अंतिम तिथि के पश्चात प्राप्त दावों पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा।

विदित हो कि उक्त विज्ञापन हेतु ऑनलाइन आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि 05.07.2023 के बाद का निर्गत कोई भी प्रमाण पत्र मान्य नहीं होगा।

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PR 328225 (Jharkhand Public Service Commission) 24-25 (D)

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, राँची।

S. No.	Police Station	Reg. No.	Eng. No.	Ch. No.	Type of Vehicle	Make	Model
344	Vijay Vihar	Electric Scooty			Two Wheeler		
345	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S BU 2047	19424	23012	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion
346	Vijay Vihar	DL-8S AP -7418	59107	60395	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
347	Vijay Vihar	DL-6S AB -6166	48486	3951	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	XCD 125
348	Vijay Vihar	DL-11SA -3488	9844	3975	Two Wheeler	Honda	Deluxe
349	Vijay Vihar	DL11-SH-5069	64409		Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
350	Vijay Vihar	Electronic Scooty			Two Wheeler		
351	Vijay Vihar	Electric Scooty		46052	Two Wheeler	Hero	Optima
352	Vijay Vihar	DL-8SAH-5073	70958	43010	Two Wheeler	TVS	
353	Vijay Vihar	Without No Plate	58060	75589	Two Wheeler	TVS	Appachi
354	Vijay Vihar	DL-11SG-0708	2559	371	Two Wheeler	Hero	Ignitor
355	Vijay Vihar	DL-8S AR 8302	24930	20555	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
356	Vijay Vihar	DL-8SBM-0422	36306	55745	Two Wheeler	Suzuki	Swish
357	Vijay Vihar	DL -6S AF 1510	40399	20451	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
358	Vijay Vihar	DL-7SBG-7215	62964		Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
359	Vijay Vihar	DL-4SND-6219	84891	63348	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Platina
360	Vijay Vihar	Without No. Plate	18295	15076	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
361	Vijay Vihar	Without No. Plate	8638	8190	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
362	Vijay Vihar	DL 1S L 3323	59813		Two Wheeler		
363	Vijay Vihar	DL 8S AQ 0203		67144	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Platina
364	Vijay Vihar	Scooty Without No			Two Wheeler		
365	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S AY 5501	82907	23705	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
366	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S AM 0314		16328	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
367	Vijay Vihar	DL 9S Q 8588	27879	30407	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	CT 100
368	Vijay Vihar	DL 11 SA 1478		3144	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	CD Deluxe
369	Vijay Vihar	DL 5S BV 4137	3419	63313	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
370	Vijay Vihar	DL 5S AK 4487	79378	95992	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
371	Vijay Vihar	DL 8S BL 6167	1238	1186	Two Wheeler	Hero	Pleasure
372	Vijay Vihar	PB 65 AX 3833	58487	21579	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	V 15
373	Vijay Vihar	DL 3S CL 5122	10063	279	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
374	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S AY 6893	74738	36828	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
375	Vijay Vihar	DL 8C K 8233	25294	18760	Four Wheeler	Maruti	Aito
376	Vijay Vihar	DL 8S AL 0180	54919	55055	Two Wheeler	TVS	Appachi
377	Vijay Vihar	DL 3S BE 1361	6099	14650	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Splender
378	Vijay Vihar	UP 86 Q 5268	35638	41791	Two Wheeler	TVS	Appachi
379	Vijay Vihar	DL 8S AS 5931	1311	1720	Two Wheeler	Hero Honda	Passion
380	Vijay Vihar	DL 6S AM 1407	48089	35289	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
381	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S CF 1194	12015	11970	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
382	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S CW 1672	5698	91384	Two Wheeler	Honda	Twister
383	Vijay Vihar	DL 8S AJ 8596	96899	65470	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
384	Vijay Vihar	DL 7S BC 4266	19486	14127	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
385	Vijay Vihar	DL 6S AK 5390	49801	71081	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
386	Vijay Vihar	UP 14 CS 1476	46366	16835	Two Wheeler	Honda	Livo
387	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S CA 2926	82833	68981	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
388	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S BU 4187	26866	38335	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion

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389	Vijay Vihar	DL 8S Q 7433	95108	45305	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Caliber
390	Vijay Vihar	DL 11 S 6707	79668	90600	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
391	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S CY 1855	85440	854602	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
392	Vijay Vihar	DL 5S CH 4677	4233	10116	Two Wheeler	Hero	Maestro
393	Vijay Vihar	DL 11 SF 1554		33708	Two Wheeler	TVS	Star City
394	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S CJ 4450	79961	78298	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
395	Vijay Vihar	DL 11 SP 2106	A2022	60259	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splender
396	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S CD 5308	11966		Two Wheeler	Hero	Deluxe
397	Vijay Vihar	DL 5S BS 6556	11962	13482	Two Wheeler	Hero	Max
398	Vijay Vihar	DL 8S CM 5796	18631	62012	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	CT 100
399	Vijay Vihar	DL 11 G 8538	96495	97216	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
400	Vijay Vihar	DL 11 SD 2808	88182	88070	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
401	Vijay Vihar	DL 11 SW 2535	83081	57496	Two Wheeler	TVS	Jupiter
402	Vijay Vihar	DL 4S CW 5395	96726	96646	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
403	North Rohini	DL8SND5923	4150	1450	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
404	North Rohini	DL6SAP0580	58455	48921	Two Wheeler	Honda	Unicorn
405	North Rohini	DL8SBH6063	1107	24164	Two Wheeler	Suzuki	Swish
406	North Rohini	E RIKSHAW	---	---	Three Wheeler	Blue Color	
407	North Rohini	DL4SBL7497	8432	57395	Two Wheeler	TVS	Streak
408	North Rohini	DL4SAY9709	85525	85173	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
409	North Rohini	DL8SAQ2655	64764	84341	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
410	North Rohini	DL1SU6380	19568	16093	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendor
411	North Rohini	DL3SBW6045	15494	12823	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendor
412	North Rohini	DL11S6366	68473	7844	Two Wheeler	Suzuki	Access
413	North Rohini	E RIKHSOW	---	---	Three Wheeler	Without Number	
414	North Rohini	DL8SAY7502	20457	45254	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
415	North Rohini	MH12K3542	48957	49208	Two Wheeler	LML	Vespa
416	North Rohini	HR26BL7184	9371	4521	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Platina
417	North Rohini	DL4SCX0887	31698	51857	Two Wheeler	TVS	Duralife
418	North Rohini	DL14SH6625	82652	78878	Two Wheeler	TVS	Jupiter
419	North Rohini	UP82N7442	16857	51338	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Platina
420	North Rohini	DL11SY1349	98889	99079	Two Wheeler	TVS	Jupiter
421	North Rohini	HR10T2430	29932	94003	Two Wheeler	Suzuki	Access
422	North Rohini	HR12Q8671	96453	48333	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
423	North Rohini	DL8SAZ3911	632	12149	Two Wheeler	Hero	Splendor
424	North Rohini	DL8SAW7937	9688	7937	Two Wheeler	Hero	Deluxe
425	North Rohini	DL8SAK0408	87187	9253	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Discover
426	North Rohini	DL8SBE0364	41821	24632	Two Wheeler	Suzuki	Swish
427	North Rohini	DL8SAZ2431	59768	31338	Two Wheeler	Hero	Passion
428	North Rohini	HR95 3323	29667	29656	Two Wheeler	Honda	Activa
429	North Rohini	DL11H4450	4764	23591	Two Wheeler	TVS	Jupiter
430	North Rohini	DL2SP8820	17461	12896	Two Wheeler	Honda	Avator
431	North Rohini	DL7SBZ0663	38898	42401	Two Wheeler	Bajaj	Pulsar
432	North Rohini	DL11SD2366	29077	8369	Two Wheeler	Suzuki	Swish

SD/-  
OFFICE OF THE DY. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
NORTH DISTRICT, NEW DELHI

DP/9667/R/2024



# SAD rebels apologise before Akal Takht for ‘religious transgressions’ during Akali rule

**T M ES News Network**

Amritsar: Rebel Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) functionaries appeared before Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of the Sikhs, here on Monday and apologised for “mistakes” committed when the party was in office in Punjab.

Last week, they had demanded that SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal should step down as party chief following the party’s debacle in the recently held Lok Sabha elections, where it could win just one of the 13 seats in Punjab.

In a meeting in Jalandhar, while urging Sukhbir to hand over the reins of the party, they had decided to seek forgiveness from Akal Takht on July 1 for “blunders and shortcomings of the past”.

Acknowledging their involvement in “religious transgressions” during the party’s 10-year govt from 2007 to 2017, the rebel SAD group appealed to Akal Takht jathedar Giani Ragbir Singh to pronounce penance upon them and left after offering prayers for ‘chardi kalan’ (positive and optimistic attitude) in SAD.

Party members Bibi Jagir Kaur Parminder Singh Dhindsa, Surjit Singh Rakhra, Prem Singh Chandumajra, Sarwan Singh Phillaur, Sucha Singh Chhotapur and Bhai Manjit Singh submitted a letter to the Akal Takht jathedar, blaming Sukhbir for the mistakes that, according to them, eroded the trust of a substantial segment of the Sikh community and people of Punjab in SAD. These “mistakes” resulted in failures of SAD govt and Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) following which the party encountered a palpable estrangement from people of Punjab, said the rebel SAD group while mentioning “four mistakes”.

They also claimed that due to several incidents, the Sikh panth was disappointed with the Shiromani Akali Dal leadership, and the position of the party in both political and religious spheres had gone down.

“We acknowledge that through out these occurrences, we were integral members of the SAD leadership and regrettably failed to prevent such incidents,” the letter said.

# Blow for KCR as HC junks plea against probe into power purchase ‘irregularities’

Hyderabad:Telangana HC on Monday dismissed ex-CM K Chandrababhan Rao’s petition as well as his apprehensions of bias against Justice L.Narasimha Reddy commission of inquiry that looked into alleged irregularities in buying power from Chhattisgarh reports Sagar Kumar Mutha

A bench answered the principal objection raised by KCR that the issues before the state power regulatory commissions and issues before the commission of inquiry were different.

KCR contended that courts cannot review issues that have already been adjudicated by quasi-judicial bodies like Telangana SERC and Chhattisgarh SERC.

The commission is looking into alleged irregularities that took place while buying power from Chhattisgarh during KCR’s 10-year govt and in setting up Bhadradi & Yadadri thermal power plants in state. The bench also brushed aside KCR questioning decision of the commission to issue him a notice under Commissions of Inquiry Act.

**A-99 OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, RENGALI HEAD WORKS CIRCLE, SAMAL**  
Email ID: selcsamal19@gmail.com

No. 1434 /Dated: 28.06.2024

1st corrigendum to Tender Notice

Name of the Work: Bid identification No. ACE-RHWC-RLBC-01/2024-25 e-procurement No. ACE-RHWC-01/2024-25 Protection to Scoured Bank on Brahmani Right near village Chandipal of Gondia Block

The following clause in the page of the bid document as mentioned below required correction for which this corrigendum is necessitated:

● **ANNEXURE-E, AFFIDAVIT, PAGE NO. 158, BID DOCUMENT**

The name of the work in the Annexure-E may be read as “Protection to Scoured Bank on Brahmani Right near village Chandipal of Gondia Block” in response to e-procurement notice No. ACE-RHWC-01/2024-25. The revised Annexure-E is annexed separately.

Sd/-  
Additional Chief Engineer,  
Rengali Head Works Circle, Samal

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Letter No. 1444 /Dated: 28.06.2024

1st corrigendum to Tender Notice

Name of the Work: Bid identification No. ACE-RHWC-RLBC-01/2024-25 e-procurement No. ACE-RHWC-01/2024-25 Protection to Scoured Bank on Brahmani Right near village Marhapur of Bhuan Block

The following clause in the page of the bid document as mentioned below required correction for which this corrigendum is necessitated:

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The name of the work in the Annexure-E may be read as “Protection to Scoured Bank on Brahmani Right near village Marhapur of Bhuan Block” in response to e-procurement notice No. ACE-RHWC-01/2024-25. The revised Annexure-E is annexed separately.

Sd/-  
Additional Chief Engineer,  
Rengali Head Works Circle, Samal

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Email ID: selcsamal19@gmail.com

No. 1433 /Dated: 28.06.2024

1st corrigendum to Tender Notice

Name of the Work: Bid identification No. ACE-RHWC-RLBC-01/2024-25 e-procurement No. ACE-RHWC-01/2024-25 Protection to Scoured Bank on Brahmani Right near village Kamagare (D/S of High Level Bridge on Dhenkanal Kamakhyanagar MD road of Kamakhyanagar Block)

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Sd/-  
Additional Chief Engineer,  
Rengali Head Works Circle, Samal

**UJVN LIMITED**  
(An Unlisted Public Limited Company)

No. 554 /Date: 01.07.2024

**EOI Notice**

Office of the Dy. GM - Internal Audit, UJVN Limited, “UJVWAL”, Maharan Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun invites Application for Empanement of CA firms for Internal Audit for FY 2024-25, 25-26 & 2026-27. Brief summary for submission of Application is given below:

EOI No. 01/Dy. GM - Internal Audit/2024-25

Name of work/supply/services etc.: Empanement of CA firms

Date of availability of Application document on website: www.ujvn.com July 02, 2024

Last date for submission of Application: July 18, 2024 upto 16:00 Hrs

Date of opening of Applications: July 19, 2024 at 11:00 Hrs

For further details, kindly visit Nigam website: www.ujvn.com

D. G. M. (Internal Audit)

**"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"**

**TELANGANA FOREST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Government of Telangana Undertaking)

Division Office: SATHUPALLI, Near R & B Guest House, Main Road Sathupalli, Warangal Dist. - 507309. Phone: 08781-262533, e-mail: tdf@tdf.org.in

**LONG BAMBOO SALE NOTICE**

Ref.No: 3/165/DM/SP/2023-24. Dt. 29.06.2024

Telangana Forest Development Corporation Ltd. hereby notifies the sale of approximately 10,00,000 nos FSC Certified Long Bamboo in Open Auction sale at Corporation Timber Depot, Sathupalli on 07.07.2024, 15.07.2024, 23.07.2024 & 30.07.2024 at 11 A.M. The Long Bamboo remain unsold on 30.07.2024 will be sold every month in regular sales to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> till disposal of entire quantity. The interested purchasers may participate in the sale by paying EMD Rs.5000/- For further information and sale conditions contact the following numbers.

Contact Numbers: Sd/-  
Plantation Manager - 8008381643, Deputy Plantation Manager - 8886535988, (G. GANESH)  
Divisional Manager - 8008301621, Divisional Manager

DIPR R.O. No. - 139-PP/CL AGENCY ADVT/1/2024-25 Sathupalli

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

**See Section 82 CrPC**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **BHAJAN SINGH, S/o: Sh. Merab Singh, R/o: N-163, Mangolpuri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **Case FIR No. 334/2017, U/s 392/411 IPC, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, North-West Distt. New Delhi-110088** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **BHAJAN SINGH** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **BHAJAN SINGH** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant)

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **BHAJAN SINGH** accused of **Case FIR No. 334/2017, U/s 392/411 IPC, P.S. Shalimar Bagh, North-West Distt. New Delhi-110088** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **08.08.2024**.

By Order  
Ms. Ritika Kansal  
DP/8355/NW/2024 Metropolitan Magistrate-07, Room No. 208, (Court Master) North-West Distt., Rohini Courts, Delhi

File No. P.ESF021/12/2023-T E-430  
NATIONAL SUGAR INSTITUTE  
An ISO 9001:2015 Certified Institute  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution  
Department of Food & Public Distribution  
Government of India

**Notice Inviting Tender**

Director, National Sugar Institute, Kanpur, on behalf of President of India invites Sealed Tenders for purchase of “Chimney” from Indian Manufacturers / Authorized Dealers firms of the Central, State Government Organization/ Autonomous Bodies/ Public Sector Units/ Private units having prior experience of undertaking such work.

The Tender document with complete details of equipments including technical specifications and other terms & condition can be downloaded from the website [www.nsi.gov.in](http://www.nsi.gov.in) and e-procurement portal of the Government of India <http://eprocure.gov.in> in public bid mode. Bids must be submitted on or before the 18.07.2024 upto 01:00 pm. The Bids will be opened on the same day at 03:00 PM onwards.

(Yagesh Chandra Srivastava)  
Administrative cum Purchase & Sales Officer

**E-TENDER NOTICE NO.02/2024-2025 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Executive Engineer, Integrated Unit (Medical) Public Works, Near T.B. Ward Premises, Nagpur.-440003.**  
email:- [integratednagpur.ee@mahapwd.gov.in](mailto:integratednagpur.ee@mahapwd.gov.in)  
Web site:- [www.mahapwd.com](http://www.mahapwd.com)

Online Percent Rate Tenders (e-tender) in B-1/B-2 form By the Executive Engineer, Integrated Unit (Medical) Public Works, Nagpur Ph. No. (0712)2744387 Email - [integratednagpur.ee@mahapwd.com](mailto:integratednagpur.ee@mahapwd.com) for The Following Work from registered contractor of appropriate class of Public Works Department Maharashtra State. On Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System <https://maharashtra.tenders.in> Month

Tender Notice No. 02/2024-2025 The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost in (Lakh.)	Earnest Money in (Lakh.)	Time limit for completion
1	Construction of 08 Nos. Waiting shed in the premises of GMCH Nagpur	9.94.77 000/-	4.98.000/-	12 Month
2	Construction of Connecting Bridge at IGGMCH Nagpur (2nd Call)	1.00.00.000/-	1.00.000/-	12 Month

1) Detailed tender notice can be seen on web site [www.mahapwd.com](http://www.mahapwd.com) and <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

2) Detailed tender notice can be seen on the Notice Board in the office of the undersigned.

3) In the Tender Notice, Tender downloading, Tender opening etc information available on web site.

4) Right is reserved to reject any or all tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-  
(V. S. Ghushe)  
Executive Engineer,  
Integrated Unit (Medical) Public Works,  
Nagpur

DGIPR/2024-2025/554

**Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd.**  
(CIN: U40104JB2013SGC001764)  
Regd. Office: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusal Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-02  
(E-mail: [soa@jusknl.com](mailto:soa@jusknl.com))

**5<sup>th</sup> TIME EXTENSION NOTICE**

Important date against NIT No. 724/PR/JUSNL/2023-24 for left over work of Design Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 132 kV D/L 3 phase L.L.O of 132 kV D/L 3 ph Hata-II - Kanke Transmission Line for connectivity of Railway TSS, Piska on Turnkey basis from L.L.O point to proposed UG cable termination point (Loc. No. 120) of 5.876 Km. revised line length under the jurisdiction of 220/132 kV GSS, Hata-II is hereby extended in following manner:-

End date and time of upload of BID	18.07.2024 up to 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for technical & commercial part	19.07.2024 at 04:00 PM

This extension notice is also available on the website [www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in](http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in)

PR No. 323542

Sd/-  
General Manager, C&M (NWPB)  
JUSNL, Ranchi

PR.No.326332 Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd(24-25):D

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता**  
**सिंचाई कार्य मण्डल हल्द्वानी**  
**Expression of Interest**

प्रह्लादसिंह रायगणप, उत्तराखण्ड को ओर से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सिंचाई कार्य मण्डल, हल्द्वानी द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु पंजीकृत फर्मों, केन्द्राध्यक्षकार्य संस्थाओं से EOI आमंत्रित की जाती है। EOI से सम्बन्धित सभी सूचना [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) पर दिनांक 03.07.2024 को उपलब्ध होगी।

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम
1	जनकट नैनाताल के मुख्यतन्त्र में स्थित नैनाताल झील की तली में जमा सिल्ट को आधुनिक वैज्ञानिक पद्धति से झील में धरे पानी को खाली करने बिना सिल्ट निकाली का कार्य।
2	जनकट नैनाताल के विकासखण्ड भीमताल स्थित भीमताल झील की तली में जमा सिल्ट को आधुनिक वैज्ञानिक पद्धति से झील में धरे पानी को खाली करने बिना सिल्ट निकाली का कार्य।

नोट:-  
1) फर्मों से EOI प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि-18.07.2024  
2) EOI आमंत्रित करने वाले अधिकारी का नाम-श्री प्रह्लाद कुमार खोटे, अधीक्षण अभियन्ता मोबा. 9557300955, ई-मेल-[nwcrainital@gmail.com](mailto:nwcrainital@gmail.com)  
3) EOI के सम्बन्ध में विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु प्रो विजय मांडिय हेतु निम्नलिखित तिथि-05.07.2024, पूर्वतन 11:00 बजे ऑनलाइन ऑफलाइन मोड में। गुगल मेट का लिंक ई-मेल के माध्यम से भेज दिया जायेगा।  
4) इच्छुक फर्म विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु उपर्युक्त मोबा.09 अथवा ई-मेल पर सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं।  
5) विस्तृत विवरण/फर्मों को जानकारी ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट पोर्टल [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। (प्रह्लाद कुमार खोटे) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता

**CA COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE**  
A Statutory Authority of Government of India under the Architects Act, 1972  
India Habitat Centre, Core 6A, 1st Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

**CONDUCT OF POST GRADUATE ENTRANCE TEST IN ARCHITECTURE (PGETA-2024)**

**Notification for PGETA-2024**

All candidates, institutions and other stakeholders are hereby informed that the Council of Architecture shall be conducting a national level Postgraduate Entrance Test in Architecture (PGETA – 2024) for admission to Postgraduate programme being imparted at the architectural institutions approved by the Council for the academic session 2024-2025, as required as per Council of Architecture Minimum Standards of Architectural Education Guidelines for Postgraduate Degree Programme, 2022.

**PGETA – 2024** shall be conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 and 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. The brochure containing relevant details of the Test and the eligibility criteria for admission to Post Graduate Programme is available at [www.pgeta.in](http://www.pgeta.in). A list of institutions imparting Postgraduate programme in Architecture approved by the Council in the country is available at the website of the Council-[www.coa.gov.in](http://www.coa.gov.in). The registration for PGETA-2024 shall commence from 03.07.2024.

The candidates desirous to take admission into Postgraduate programme in Architecture are advised to register themselves for PGETA-2024 at [www.pgeta.in](http://www.pgeta.in).

**New Delhi**  
**Dated : 02.07.2024**

**Registrar**

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp./JATH	Name of Work/Notice Tender	Opening Date/Classifying Date (TMS)	Amount / BMD (Approx.) in Rupees	Website of the Board/Corp./JATH	MOOAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HCAD DIVISION, KURUSHPETHA	SOLAR POWERED MICRO REGULATION INFRASTRUCTURE AT 10 NOS. OVERFLOWING VILLAGE PONES OF HCAD DIVISION, KURUSHPETHA	28.06.2024 05.07.2024	252.27 ACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	994625648 <a href="mailto:ankur.kurushetha@gmail.com">ankur.kurushetha@gmail.com</a>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : [www.haryanaprocedurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaprocedurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hry.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hry.nic.in) NO 27342

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
<b>EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - Roads Division No. 3</b>			
1	Empanement of Quality Control Consultant for Re-carpeting of various roads, parkings & Building Work under the jurisdiction of M.C Chandigarh. Est. Cost. To be quoted by the consultants/bidders Earnest Money Rs 50,000/- Time Limit 24 months	02.07.2024 To 10.07.2024 Upto 12.00 noon	10.07.2024 at 12.00 noon
<b>EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 4</b>			
2	Providing, installing and commissioning of fire fighting system in various Community Centers & Non Residential Buildings under the jurisdiction of MCPH Division No.4 in UT Chandigarh (Ch to Capital, Head NRB) (re-nvite) Approximate Amount Rs. 5.65,11,930/- EMD Rs 11,30,240/- Time Limit 08 Months	02.07.2024 to 12.07.2024 at 02:00 P.M	15.07.2024 at 03:00 P.M

Note: - All other terms and conditions and complete DNIT are uploaded on website <https://etenders.chd.nic.in>

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
Roads Division No.3 and MCPH Division No. 4, M.C Chandigarh

**JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
(For the State of Goa and Union Territories)  
3rd and 4th Floor, Plot No. 55-56, Udyog Vihar, Phase-V, Sector-18, Gurugram Haryana-122015 Ph. No. 8124-4684705  
E-mail: [sao.jarcuta@gov.in](mailto:sao.jarcuta@gov.in), Website: [www.jarcuta.gov.in](http://www.jarcuta.gov.in)

No. E-10VI/1/2020-E (160) /2024 /2024 Date 05.06.2024

**VACANCY CIRCULAR**

Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa & Union Territories (JERC), a statutory body constituted by the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India invites applications from officers under Central Government, State Government/Union Territories/Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies, for appointment on deputation on foreign service terms basis including short term contract for the posts mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Number of posts	Pay Scale
1	Personal Assistant	02	PB-2 Rs.9300-34800 plus GP of Rs 4200 (Level 6 of Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC)

Further details of the vacancies are available on the website of the Commission i.e., [www.jarcuta.gov.in](http://www.jarcuta.gov.in) (under Vacancy sub-head). Last date of receipt of application is 31/07/2024 in this Commission.

Sd/-  
CBC 34124/12/0004/2425 Admin-cum-Accounts Officer

**यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण**  
प्रधान सचिव, कॉन्सिलियर, सचिव-ओनो-1 (पी-2) ग्रेटर नोएडा  
Toll Free No. 18001808296, वेबसाइट : [www.yamunexpresswayauthority.com](http://www.yamunexpresswayauthority.com)

पत्रांक: वाई ई ए. /मुलेख (तह.-बी पी एम.) /726 /2024 दिनांक: 01.07.2024

**सार्वजनिक सूचना**

निम्नलिखित सूची यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा आपसी सहमति के आधार पर कार्रवायों से क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है। क्रय हेतु कार्रवाय, गाटा सचवा क्षेत्रफल व कार्रवाय का हिस्सा निम्नलिखित तालिका में अंकित है -

क्रम सं.	खाली संख्या	खसरा संख्या	गाटे का कुल क्षेत्रफल (हे.)	तहसील की आख्यानुसार कार्रवाय का माग	तहसील की आख्यानुसार कार्रवाय का हिस्सा	कार्रवाय का नाम
1	951	1432	0.6790	0.1686	0.1686	श्रीमती पूजा पत्नी कृष्ण कुमार व गीताजी शर्मा पत्नी किशनचंद शर्मा व संदेश देवी पत्नी चंद्रश शर्मा
2	1056	1487	1.4310	0.1414	0.1414	श्री शकील अहमद पुत्र तुफैल अहमद नि. श्री नाईरराजान कस्तू रघुपुरा
3	948	1207	1.7200	0.1075	0.1075	श्री सुकेश कुमार पुत्र राधेश्याम
4	948	1134	2.1290	0.1330	0.1330	श्री सीताराम पुत्र रामहेली
5	997	1391	2.5650	0.1083	0.1083	श्रीमती मंजू पत्नी ब्रजराज व दीपिका ना बा. व देवराज पुत्री व पुत्र ब्रजराज
6	884	2338	1.7280	0.0720	0.0720	श्री प्रेमचन्द जैन पुत्र रामरसाद जैन नि. श्री. राधी नगर कस्तू रघुपुरा

उपरोक्त सूची क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में 15 दिन के अंदर यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औ. वि. प्राधिकरण के कार्यालय / सी.आर. सेल में अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

डिप्टी कलेक्टर, यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औ. वि. प्राधिकरण

**SEBI भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड**  
Securities and Exchange Board of India

**NOTICE OF ORDER PASSED**

Order No. WTM/KV/EFD/DRA1/30328/2024-25 dated May 08, 2024 in the matter of Indus Weir Industries Limited has been passed.

The Order could not be served at the last known addresses of the entities mentioned in the Table below.

Name of Entity	Address of Entity
Indus Weir Industries Limited	44/1, West Guru Angad Nagar, Vikas Marg, Opposite Scope Tower, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi
Prince Rana	45/43, Naugah, PO-Kachni, Waidhan, Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh - 486887
Anuresh	Maa Jagdamba Niketan, Ganga Gate No.33, Rajapur, Mainpura, Patna-800001
Rasheed Quamar	Flat No.105, Wazir Appartment, Behind Alpina Market, New Patliputra Colony, Patna, Bihar-800013
Mazharul Quadri	51, Tola, Hilsan Tola, Bhagwanpur Hal Siwan, Bihar-841408
Parthasarthi Adhikari	Ward No.14 A-2, Golemarket Jayant, Waidhan, Madhya Pradesh-486886
Paras Nath Sharma	241 Teildhi, Chas, Ramnagar Colony, Bokaro Steel City, Bokaro, Jharkhand 827013
Balchand Chaurasiya	Parwa, Singhpur, Ballia, Phelpana, Ballia, Uttar Pradesh-277503

The above mentioned entity (ies) is/are hereby advised to collect the order from, Securities and Exchange Board of India, Northern Regional Office 8th floor, Plete B, Tower 1, NBCC Complex East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi - 110023. The entities are also advised to download a copy of the Order from the official website of SEBI ([www.sebi.gov.in](http://www.sebi.gov.in)) under the head "Enforcement-> Orders" or obtain a copy of the Order by sending a request to [ishpreets@sebi.gov.in](mailto:ishpreets@sebi.gov.in) / [gyanendran@sebi.gov.in](mailto:gyanendran@sebi.gov.in). The entities can also download the copy of aforesaid order through following link: <https://www.sebi.gov.in/enforcement/orders/may-2024/order-in-the-matter-of-indus-weir-industries-ltd-83257.html>

**Date: June 21, 2024**  
**Place: New Delhi**  
CBC 15204/11/0047/2425

**Gyanendra Niraj**  
Deputy General Manager  
Northern Regional Office



**Two-wheeler rider dies in Varanasi:** A man died after a car, being driven by a drunk doctor, hit his two-wheeler and dragged him along with his vehicle for several metres, in Varanasi on Sunday. **TNN**

NORTHERN RAILWAY 1st Corrigendum			
In reference to following there is extension of date of opening tender which is scheduled to be opened on date 12.07.2024. Due to Administrative reasons the opening date of following tender is extended. The details of tender are given below:-			
NIT No.	Name of Work	Existing Date of Opening	Modified Date of Opening
NIT-09-24-25-WE	Repair & Maintenance of Lawn/Ground and Cricket Pitches at Karmal Singh Stadium in the S/o SSE/Port (NDLS) under ADEN/Mor./NDLS	12.07.2024	23.07.2024

The Tender is to be opened on 23/07/2024. Tender has been uploaded on website [www.irps.gov.in](http://www.irps.gov.in) accordingly No.128-W/269/O.E.T/NIT No.09/24-25/WE Dated: 01.07.2024

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE		 Northern Railway Kharak Mahabharat
No. NIT -37 & 42-24-25-W4I		Dated - 01.07.2024
The Sr. Divisional Engineer-II, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work:-		
1. NIT -37	<b>Name of work:</b> Replacement of steel girder bridges > 6.10 m & upto 9.15 m into PSC slab in the section of ADEN/SMQL under Sr. DEN-II (Bx No. 40, 48, 102, 182 & 342 each having span 15x15 m & Bridge no. 255 having span 4x8 15 m) <b>Approx cost of work:</b> As per NIT or IREPS <b>Earnest Money to be deposited:</b> As per NIT or IREPS	
2. NIT -42	<b>Name of work:</b> Providing portable train detection system and alarm system (POTA) on Bridge No. 154 UP & DN on GZB-SRE section of Sr. DEN-IVDL. <b>Approx cost of work:</b> As per NIT or IREPS <b>Earnest Money to be deposited:</b> As per NIT or IREPS	
2. Date & Time of opening of tender.	26.07.2024, 15:00 Hrs	
3. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	<a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a>	
* The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> for participating in the e-tender system. * For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. * No manual offers are acceptable. * Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.		
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## Case against UK-based Indian-origin prof for 'provoking' Manipur groups

A police complaint has been filed in Imphal against UK-based computer science professor of Indian descent Uday Reddy, alleging that his social media activity provoked ethnic tensions in violence-stricken Manipur. FIR against Reddy of University of Birmingham was lodged by a local resident at Imphal police station, citing his posts on X. His handle @Kautilya33 has been "withheld in response to a legal demand", reports **Prabin Kalita**. In response, Kuki Students' Organisation-Delhi & NCR condemned the complaint, describing it as "frivolous".

NORTHERN RAILWAY		
TENDER NOTICE		
The Sr DME/Diesel, Northern Railway, Diesel Loco Shed, Tughlakabad for and on behalf of President of India invites e-tenders for the following work. The tender will be accepted online only in the prescribed tender document.		
Name of work	Provision for Modification of Conventional hand brake to modified hand brake (gear type) arrangement in electric locomotives as per RDSO Modification Sheet no. RDSO/2014/EL/MS/0440 (Rev 1) dated 16.09.2015	
Place of work	Diesel Shed, Tughlakabad, New Delhi-110044	
Qty./Period of Completion	32 Nos./ 06 months	
Approximate cost of work	Rs. 4,69,793.92/- Inclusive of GST @18% (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Three and Ninety Two Paise Only)	
Amount of Bid Security	Rs.9,400/- (Rupees Nine Thousand Four Hundred Only)	
Eligibility Criteria	Technical & Financial eligibility criteria as per Clause 10 tender form Second sheet of the Tender Document	
Website to download and upload e-tender document	www.irps.gov.in	
Due date & time of uploading of tender by tenderer	20.07.2024 upto 12:00 Hrs	
Date & Time of Tender opening.	20.07.2024 after 12:00 hrs	
Validity of offer	60 days from opening of tender	
Allocation	05-0511 32	
Tender Document can be downloaded from Indian Railway website www.irps.gov.in. For details of work experience, scope of work and terms & conditions please see Tender document.		
TENDER NOTICE NO:- DSL-TKO-HBGT-MOD-OT-RT-24 dated 28.06.2024		
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## CBI summons 2 more Oasis teachers in NEET leak case

Abhijit Sen & Vishwendu Jaipuria

**Hazaribag:** CBI summoned to Patna for interrogation Monday two more teachers of the school in Jharkhand's Hazaribag whose principal and vice principal were arrested last week in the NEET UG paper leak case. The agency is also preparing dossiers on "three well known residents" suspected to be involved in the paper leak, based on arrested Oasis School principal Ehsanul Haque's call records, officials said.

### Leak 'most important' reason behind party's poll debacle in UP: BJP ex-MP

Paper leak was "the most important" reason for BJP's poor show in Uttar Pradesh in Lok Sabha polls, said the party's former MP from Kannauj, Subrat Pathak, who lost to SP chief Akhilesh Yadav this time. In a series of posts on X, Pathak, while accepting that paper leaks had become endemic in India and the education system had been ruined by corruption, highlighted efforts by BJP govts in state and at Centre to correct the system. Pathak said besides a strong political will, the support of opposition parties was also required to combat paper leak. "Paper leak in police recruitment in UP is not new. Gradually, paper leak in various examinations across the country has become a part of our lives," he said, adding that the Modi govt had already passed a strict law to check this. **TNN**

The two teachers under the scanner, including the deputy superintendent of the NEET UG centre at Oasis School were detained for questioning at the Central Coalfields Ltd guesthouse in Charhi last week. They were allowed to leave before CBI arrested Haque, vice principal Md Imtiyaz Alam, and journalist Jamaluddin. Hazaribag's link in the NEET paper leak surfaced after Bihar's Economic Offence

Unit found a half burnt question paper with Oasis School's NEET centre code in a "safe house" that had been used by a group of examinees and their "handlers" the night before the May 5 test. CBI sources said that the investigation into Haque's role in the paper leak case had since expanded to assessing the properties and wealth he had allegedly amassed. The value of his house in Hazaribag's Hamia

## PhD scholar held as wife dies after forced abortion op

**Hyderabad:** A PhD scholar's unwillingness to have a third girl child led to the death of his wife and the unborn baby due to a botched up abortion, in Telangana's Suryapet, Ratnavath Harisingh was arrested on Monday with five others. Seventh accused is absconding.

According to the police, Ratnavath and Suhasini got married in 2019 and have two daughters. When his wife got pregnant for the third time, he threatened to desert her if she delivered a girl again.

A week ago, Harisingh approached two technicians, Ranapangu Gopi and Shaik Saldula, recommended by local practitioner Amaragani Naveen. They put the couple in touch with Kammampati Guruvah, who confirmed on June 23 that it's a girl. "The family took Suhasini to Shaik Khassim at Kamala Hospital in Huzurnagar. He conducted the abortion with sister Devarakonda Rani's help," said police. As her condition worsened, the family took her to Hyderabad, but she died on June 25. **TNN**

## CORPORATE BUZZ

[www.toi.in/psu](http://www.toi.in/psu)

### ICG airlifts critically ill from Lakshadweep

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) district headquarters at Lakshadweep Islands received request for urgent medical evacuation of two critically ill patients from the UT of Lakshadweep (UTL) administration. Responding to medical emergency, ICG successfully coordinated a medical evacuation on June 27, 2024, through the ICG Dornier aircraft ex-Coast Guard Air Enclave, Kochi. They rescued two critically ill



patients from Agatti Island to Kochi despite extreme weather conditions. The patients along with medical escorts have been evacuated to Kalamassery Medical College at Kochi. They included one critically ill preterm baby (suffering from respiratory depression and on ventilator) and the other female patient (53-year-

old with head injury and severe anaemia). The aircraft transited approximately 950 km in these challenging conditions thereby ensuring safe evacuation of the patients.

### EIL celebrates International Day of Yoga

Engineers India Limited (EIL) celebrated the 10th International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2024, at its various establishments. C&MD Vartika Shukla and functional directors, along with senior officials and employees took part in the yoga session, organised at EIL Gurugram Complex. During the session employees were ably guided to practice various asanas by yoga guru Joginder Singh, who highlighted yoga's great ability to enhance holistic well-being. Yoga is a powerful practice that enriches both the individual and



society. By embracing yoga, we can enhance our well-being and contribute to creating a better world. Shukla urged people to incorporate yoga into their daily lives, recognising its unique potential to improve our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being.

### GAIL's proactive stance in mitigating climate change

The board of directors of GAIL, on June 28, 2024, accorded approval to advance its 'net zero' target for Scope 1 and 2 emissions by five years, from the year 2040 to 2035. This decision follows an extensive study undertaken by GAIL to enhance its sustainability goals. It aligns with India's broader net zero commitments. GAIL plans to achieve this ambitious goal through a strategic approach involving electrification of NG-based equipment, renewable energy, battery energy storage systems (BESS), compressed biogas (CBG), green hydrogen, CO2 valorisation initiatives and afforestation. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, C&MD, mentioned that GAIL, as such is in the business of marketing and transmission of natural gas, a cleaner fuel that aids in reducing emissions. R. K. Singhal, Director (BD), speaking on the occasion, emphasised GAIL's sustained and focussed efforts towards realising these targets, highlighting the

company's pivotal role in the energy sector's transition towards sustainability.

### WAPCOS celebrates 55th Annual Day

WAPCOS celebrated 55th Annual Day on June 26, 2024, commemorating its continued excellence and hard work. On this occasion, the company's new logo, corporate coffee table booklet and film were released by C.R. Paatil, Minister of Jal Shakti, in the presence of Dr Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, DoWR, RD, GR, R. K. Agrawal, CMD, WAPCOS and senior officers from Ministry of Jal Shakti and WAPCOS. A 'Mini Ratna-I' public sector enterprise under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti, WAPCOS is a technology-driven consultancy and engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) organisation. The company



has provided engineering solutions to various clients, with footprints over 75 countries across Asia, Africa, Latin America and CIS, for various development projects in the areas of water, power and infrastructure.

### IREDA reports exemplary performance

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has reported exceptional performance for the first quarter that ended June 30, 2024. According to provisional figures, subject to audit, the company recorded substantial increases in loan sanctions, disbursements, and its loan book. Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA, commenting on the achievement, said, "IREDA's robust performance in the first quarter underscores our commitment to accelerating the deployment of renewable energy solutions in India. The substantial increase in loan sanctions and disbursements reflects our proactive approach in supporting projects that contribute to India's renewable energy goals." IREDA continues to play a pivotal role in financing renewable energy projects across sectors, such as solar, wind, hydro, biomass, waste to energy, ethanol, etc. The company strives towards fostering sustainable development and reducing carbon emissions in alignment with national and global environmental objectives.

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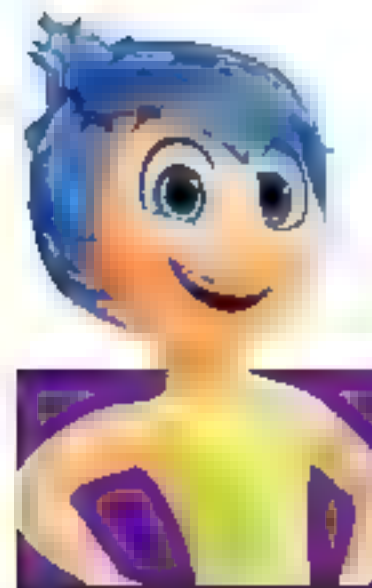
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## Trump substantially shielded from prosecution, rules US SC

Court Says For 1<sup>st</sup> Time Since America Founding That Ex-Presidents Have Immunity For Official Actions, But Not Private Acts; Subversion Trial Unlikely Before Nov Polls

Chidanand Rajghatta

Washington: The US Supreme Court on Monday ruled that former prez Donald Trump is entitled to "absolute" immunity for clearly official acts, implicitly overturning the principle that no person is above the law and paving way for an imperial presidency in America. By a 6-3 majority, conservatives on the country's top court's bench, three of them appointed by Trump, said broad immunity for official conduct is needed to protect "an energetic, independent executive".

The three liberal justices on the bench dissented, saying the decision was gravely misguided and it "effectively creates a law-free zone around the president, upsetting the status quo that has existed since the founding". Although Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority, argued that the president "enjoys no immunity for his unofficial acts and not everything the president does is official... (and) the president is not above the law", liberal Justice Sonia Sotomayor in her dissent for the minority said the broad immunity "reshapes the institution of the presidency" and "makes a mockery of the principle" that no man is above the law.

The ruling sends back to lower courts the election interference case against Trump and will, almost certainly, help run the clock down to the 2024 polls. The ruling still leaves it to the trial court to determine what Trump did or instigated cons-



People hold anti-Trump placards in front of the US Supreme Court Monday

### Trump: Ruling a 'big win for democracy'

Donald Trump hailed a "big win" for democracy after the US Supreme Court ruled that presidents have presumptive immunity for official acts — a decision set to delay his trial for conspiring to overturn his 2020 election loss. "Big win for our constitution and democracy. Proud to be an American!" Trump posted in all caps on his Truth Social platform, as the conservative-leaning high court delivered its 6-3 opinion. **AFP**

### Bannon begins jail term for contempt

Steve Bannon, an influential Trump ally, reported to prison on Monday to serve a four-month sentence after he was convicted for defying a congressional subpoena from the committee that probed the Jan. 6, 2021, US Capitol attack. A defendant Bannon arrived at a prison in Connecticut, and told reporters that he was a "political prisoner". "Proud of going to prison. I have not only no regrets, I'm proud of what I did," **REUTERS**

titutes official or unofficial acts, but the process will most certainly take months, effectively letting the voters decide the matter. If Trump wins on Nov 5, he can simply quash the case when he assumes office, by either ordering the justice department to drop the charges against him, or pardon himself. If Biden wins, he too, should he choose to do so, ride into

an imperial presidency forever changing the nature of politics in the self-proclaimed "greatest democracy in the world".

The Supreme Court conservatives tried to finesse the ruling saying a former president has absolute immunity for his core constitutional powers — and is entitled to a presumption of immunity for his official acts, but lacks immunity for

unofficial acts. "No court has thus far considered how to distinguish between official and unofficial acts," the justices wrote, while cautioning Trump against asserting "a far broader immunity than the limited one we have recognised".

Democrats raged at the ruling, with New York Senator Chuck Schumer calling it a "disgraceful decision by the MAGA SCOTUS" — which is comprised of 3 justices appointed by Trump himself. "Biden's campaign said in a statement that the Supreme Court's immunity ruling on Monday 'doesn't change the facts' about the events of Jan. 6, 2021."

The ruling marked the first time since the United States' 18th century founding that the Supreme Court has declared that former presidents may be shielded from criminal charges in any instance. Fundamentally, what the conservative justices ruled upheld Richard Nixon's claim in 1974 during the Watergate scandal: "When the president does it, that means that it is not illegal." Nixon would not have had to resign under the current SC ruling even though he tried to cheat his way into a second term.

Anti-Trump influencers and meme accounts on social media darkly joked that Biden should pack the courts, imprison Trump or postpone the Nov polls, shielded by his newfound presidential immunity. Others made reference to "King Biden" or shared images depicting the president in a crown. **(Inputs from agencies)**

## Rival Parties Form Anti-Far Right Front

France Polls: Leaders Of Left Bloc & Centrist Alliance Hint They'll Withdraw Own Candidates In Districts Where Another Candidate Was Better Placed To Beat RN In Sunday's Run-Off

Paris: Opponents of France's far right sought to build a united front to block the path to govt of Marine Le Pen's National Rally (RN) on Monday after the party made historic gains to win the first round of a parliamentary election.

The RN and its allies won Sunday's round with 33% of the vote, followed by a left-wing bloc with 28% and well ahead of centrist, who scored just 22%, official results showed.

While financial markets rallied on relief the RN tally was not greater, it was still a huge setback for Macron, who had called the snap election after his ticket was trounced by the RN in the European Parliament election last month.

"I'm satisfied, because we need change," said RN supporter Jean-Claude Gaillet, 64, in Le Pen's northern stronghold of Henin Beaumont. "Things have not moved, and they must move." But others feared the rise of the RN and its nationalist platform would cause growing tensions in French society. "I don't think people realise what's happening, they are only thinking of the cost of living and short-term things like that," said Yamina Addou out side a supermarket in the nearby town of Oignies, south of Lille. "I find it very sad."



Marine Le Pen and Jordan Bardella. The RN would need at least 289 seats in parliament for a majority. Pollsters calculated the first round had put it on track for anything between 250 and 300 seats

Whether the anti-immigrant, eurosceptic RN can form a govt will depend now on how successfully other parties manage to thwart Le Pen by rallying round best-placed rival candidates in hundreds of constituencies across France. The RN would need at least 289

seats in parliament for a majority. Pollsters calculated the first round had put it on track for anything between 250 and 300 seats — but that is before tactical withdrawals reshape voter intentions next weekend.

Leaders of both the left-wing New Popular Front and Macron's centrist alliance indicated Sunday they would withdraw their own candidates in districts where another candidate was better placed to beat the RN in next Sunday's run-off. It was not initially clear whether

such a pact would always apply if the left-wing candidate was from the far-left France Unbowed (LFI) party of Jean-Luc Melenchon, a divisive figure with radical tax-and-spend proposals and class-war rhetoric.

But Macron told ministers on Monday that denying the RN a majority was the top priority, according to one source at a closed door meeting who said this was intended to confirm that the pact could apply to LFI candidates on a case-by-case basis. The source said Macron ended his speech at the Elysee Palace meeting with the call "Attack!"

Pollster Ipsos calculated the first round had left three-way contests in around 300 of the 577 seats in France's National Assembly. Le Monde newspaper said third-placed candidates had already withdrawn in around 160 of those.

While the so-called "republican front" against the far-right has broadly worked in the past, analysts question whether French voters are still ready to cast second-round ballots as directed by political leaders. **REUTERS**

## US said to seek Boeing guilty plea to avoid trial in 737 Max crashes

The US justice department plans to allow Boeing to avoid a criminal trial if it agrees to plead guilty to a fraud charge stemming from two fatal crashes of its 737 Max more than five years ago, according to two lawyers for families of the crash victims.

Federal officials shared details of the offer on a call with the families Sunday before bringing the deal to Boeing, according to the lawyers. Paul G Cassell and Mark Lindquist.

The terms include a nearly \$24 million fine, a new investment in safety improvements, three years of scrutiny from an external monitor, and a meeting between Boeing's board and the victims' families, said Cassell, a University of Utah law professor. The justice department did not respond to a request for comment, while Boeing declined to comment.

Cassell, who represents more than a dozen of the families, said that he and the families found the deal to be "outrageous". He described the offer as a "sweetheart plea deal" because it would

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The terms reportedly being offered to Boeing would update a 2021 settlement that resolved the criminal charge accusing the aerospace giant of a conspiracy to defraud the Federal Aviation Administration. The new agreement would require Boeing to plead guilty to that charge, according to the lawyers. The 2021 criminal charge centered on two employees who were accused of withholding information from the FAA about changes made to software

known as MCAS, which was later implicated in the crashes.

If Boeing agrees to plead guilty to the charge, the company would also admit to a set of facts laid out in that 2021 agreement, which Cassell criticised as a "whitewashed" narrative in which Boeing escapes blame for the deaths.

Under the earlier deal, the company agreed to pay \$500 million to the victims' families. It also agreed to pay more than \$1.7 billion to its customers because they could not take deliveries of the Max during a 20-month global ban on the jet. The 2021 settlement is known as a deferred prosecution agreement, a type of deal often used in criminal cases against corporations, allowing companies to avoid charges if they do not engage in wrongdoing for a certain period.

The new plea deal comes just days before a July 7 deadline for the justice department to file criminal charges in the case. Boeing will have until the end of the week to decide whether to accept the deal, according to Cassell. **WPT**

## Prachanda govt in trouble? Ally Oli holds talk with rival

Kathmandu: A high-level meeting between Nepal's two largest parties — Nepali Congress and CPN-UML — has led to fresh speculation that days of PM P K Dahal 'Prachanda'-led govt are numbered.

Nepali Congress prez Sher Bahadur Deuba went to the house of Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist's chairman and ex-PM KP Sharma Oli, part of the governing coalition, on Saturday. Although the details of the closed-door meeting have not been made public, there is speculation among some political circles that

the two politicians might have discussed the formation of a new coalition govt to oust Prachanda. Oli, eyeing premiership once again, was unhappy with the recent budget allocations for fiscal year 2024-25, which he has publicly criticised.

However, sources close to Prachanda dismissed "rumours about change in the power equation", saying CPN-Maoist Centre chairman Prachanda and CPN-UML chairman Oli are determined to continue the present coalition for the full term. Prachanda and Oli held two meetings Sunday and Monday.

Monday at the PM's Office during which "the two discussed the latest political situation and ways to strengthen the present coalition govt," claimed PM's press adviser. The two agreed to bring in political parties like Nagaraj Luitel, chief editor of Nagaraj Daily, noted that there will be political stability only if the largest party in the parliament Nepali Congress and the second-largest CPN-UML join hands. "It seems unnatural when the third largest party Maoist Centre is steering the govt and the largest party NC is sitting in the opposition," he said. The Nepali Congress has 89 seats in the 275-member House of Representatives whereas CPN UML and CPN-Maoist Centre have 78 and 32 seats respectively. Nepal has seen 13 govt in the last 16 years.



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## Ukraine says foiled another Russian plot to topple govt

Kyiv: Ukraine's security service said Monday it had foiled yet another Russian plot to stir public unrest and then use the ensuing turmoil to topple the govt, outlining a familiar tactic that Kyiv claims has been employed in a string of coup attempts in recent years. The Ukrainian domestic intelligence agency SBU said it had discovered a "group" of conspirators it accused of planning to spark a riot, seize the parliament building and replace the military and civilian leadership. Four people have been arrested and charged. While offering little detail on how such an ambitious plan could have succeeded, officials said it was a reminder that more than two years after launching a full-scale invasion of the country, the Kremlin remained determined to bring down Prez Volodymyr Zelensky's govt by any means. **WPT**

## 'Aus move could drive pupils to UK, which charges \$900'

Melbourne: Australia's education minister Jason Clare said the country has more than doubled the cost of student visa fees for international students because education is an incredibly important national asset. "We need to ensure its integrity and quality," he said.

The fee hike move has, however, triggered outrage from student groups. Yeganeh Soltanpour, the national president of the Council of International Students Australia, said the fee increase, combined with high deposit costs, places extra strain on international students. "The possibility of spending all that money only to face rejection is quite disheartening... It has caused many in the student community to explore other options," she said.

Phil Honeywood, CEO of the International Education Association of Australia, told ABC News that the announcement was the "last straw" for the international education



The rise in fees makes applying for a student visa for Australia far more expensive than in competing countries like the US and Canada, where they cost about \$185 and \$150 (\$110) respectively

sector, which has already suffered from a slowdown in visa approvals. "We are really in danger of losing a \$48 billion a year industry," he said, adding that it will "heavily impact" on relationships with our Indo-Pacific neighbours who rely on Australia to deliver world-class qualifications to young people. He said this change could drive prospective students to the UK, Australia's closest competitor which currently charges \$900 for student visa fees. **WPT**

## Chinese rocket accidentally launches during test, crashes

A commercial Chinese rocket accidentally launched during a ground test on Sunday, clung into the air before crashing into a nearby mountain and exploding in flames, the private company that owns the rocket said.

Because of a "structural failure," the Tianlong-3 rocket separated from its testing platform while its propulsion system was being tested and lifted off from its launchpad, the rocket's owner Space Pioneer said. The accident occurred at 3:43pm (local time) Sunday at a test facility in Gongyi city in Henan Province. After launching, the onboard computer automatically shut down, and the rocket fell into a hilly area about a mile from the test site, the statement said. No one was injured, the statement said, adding that the crash site was far from residential areas. **WPT**

## Death for Christian man in Pak for sharing hateful posts

Multan: A court in Pakistan sentenced a Christian man to death for sharing what it said was hateful content against Muslims on social media after one of the worst mob attacks on Christians in the eastern Punjab province last year, his lawyer said Monday, adding he will appeal the verdict.

In Aug 2023, groups of Muslim men burned dozens of homes and churches in the city of Jaranwala after some residents claimed they saw two Christians men tearing out pages from the Quran, throwing them on the ground and writing insulting remarks on other pages, authorities said.

Ehsan Shan, though not party to the desecration, was accused of reposting the defaced pages of the Quran on his TikTok account, his lawyer Khurram Shahzad said. He also said he would appeal against the death sentence issued Saturday by a court in the city of Sahiwal in Punjab. Amir Farooq, a police officer who arrested Shan, said

## Petrol and diesel prices hiked in Pak

Weeks after slashing the prices of fuel ahead of the Eid ul Adha festival, the Pakistan govt Monday sharply hiked their prices for the next fortnight.

According to a notification, the prices of petrol and High-Speed Diesel (HSD) were raised by Rs 7.45 and Rs 9.56 per litre respectively, the Express Tribune reported. The new ex-depot petrol price for July 1 to 15 would be Rs 265.61 per litre compared to Rs 258.16 in the previous fortnight, up by 2.9%, the Dawn reported.

However, petrol would be available for over Rs 266 per litre in the retail market, it said. On the other hand, the new ex-depot price of HSD is Rs 277.45 per litre, or 3.6% higher than the Rs 267.89 over the past fortnight. **WPT**

the man shared "the hateful content at a sensitive time when authorities were already struggling to contain violence." **AP**

## AROUND THE WORLD



SPACE BARBIE DESCENDS ON EARTH: A Barbie that spent six months orbiting the Earth on the International Space Station will go on public display for this first time this week at the Design Museum in London. The Barbie (in white astronaut suit) was made to resemble Samantha Cristoforetti, the first female commander of the ISS. Highlighting other connections between Barbie and the cosmos, there will also be rare editions of space-themed Mattel dolls on display

## Swedish town selling plot for just 1 krona draws global interest, from India to America

A town in western Sweden has suspended land sales after being overwhelmed by requests for offering land at less than 10 euro cents (\$0.11) per square metre, its mayor told **AFP**.

"We launched this campaign in mid-April. It was a bit of a crazy idea, but also a joke to be honest. It was a marketing operation," said Johan Mansson, mayor of Gotene, a town of around 5,000 people. Thirty plots of land, abandoned for decades, were put up for sale at one Swedish krona (\$0.095) per square metre. The idea was to build more housing in a low-density area and help the region grow, the mayor said. A few weeks after the campaign started, Gotene managed to sell three plots. "A great success for such a small community," said Mansson. "But we could never have imagined what was in store for us." Several Swedish media picked up the story, a video was posted on

TikTok, and millions of people discovered Gotene and its cheap plots. Since then, the municipal ty has been inundated with emails and calls from potential buyers. "We've had interest from Europe, Asia — mainly India and Pakistan — as well as the US, Australia, and even South America," said Mansson. "We have succeeded in putting Gotene on world map." Sales will resume on Aug 7.

## Horses bolt through London in scene reminiscent of April runway stampede

Three runaway horses bolted through the streets of central London Monday after one was spooked by a bus and two others tossed their riders. The UK army said one horse Monday had minor injuries and neither soldier was injured. The scene was reminiscent of — but less chaotic — than an incident when five horses bolted in April and two were seriously injured. On Monday, a riderless horse that was being led got spooked when two other horses threw off their riders and bolted. One was caught a short distance away but two others made it to Vauxhall Bridge, 2.5kms away.

## Pandemic's babies and toddlers are now school-age, and behind

The pandemic's babies, toddlers and preschoolers are now school-age, and the impact on them is becoming increasingly clear. Many are showing signs of being academically and developmentally behind. Interviews with more than two dozen teachers, pediatricians and early childhood experts in the US depicted a generation less likely to have age-appropriate skills "to be able to hold a pencil, communicate their needs, identify shapes and letters, manage their emotions or solve problems with peers."

A variety of scientific evidence has also found that the pandemic seems to have affected

some young children's early development. Boys were more affected than girls, studies have found. "I definitely think children born then have had developmental challenges compared to prior years," said Dr Jaime Peterson, a pediatrician at Oregon Health and Science University. "We asked them to wear masks, not see adults, not play with kids. We really severed those interactions, and you don't get that time back for kids."

Researchers said several aspects of the pandemic affected young children: parental stress, less exposure to people, lower preschool attendance, more time on screens and less

time playing. Brook Allen, in Martin, Tennessee, has taught kindergarten for 11 years. This year, for the first time, she said, several students could barely speak, several were not toilet trained, and several did not have the fine motor skills to hold a pencil. Children don't engage in imaginative play or seek out other children the way they used to, said Michaela Frederick, a pre-K teacher for students with learning delays in Tennessee. She's had to replace small building materials in her classroom with big soft blocks because students' fine motor skills weren't developed enough.

Perhaps the biggest difficulty



ISOLATION IMPACT: US teachers are seeing the effects of pandemic's stress and isolation on young pupils: Some can barely speak, sit still or even hold a pencil. They are also unable to regulate their emotions

rence Lissa O'Rourke has noticed among her preschoolers in Florida has been their inability

to regulate their emotions. "It was knocking over chairs, it was throwing things, it was hitting their peers, hitting their teachers," One explanation for young children's struggles, experts say is parental stress during the pandemic. A baby who is exposed to more stress will show more activation on brain imaging scans in "the parts of that baby's brain that focus on fear and focus on aggression," said Rahul D. Briggs, a child psychologist. That leaves less energy for parts of the brain focused on language, exploration and learning, she said. Time on screens also spiked during the pandemic as parents juggled

work and children were cooped up at home. Experts believe that this affected attention spans and fine motor skills.

It's too early to know whether young children will experience long-term effects from the pandemic, but researchers say there are reasons to be optimistic. "It is absolutely possible to catch up," said Dr Dani Dumitriu, a pediatrician at Columbia. Sarrah Hovis, a preschool teacher in Michigan, said she has seen great progress. By the end of this year, some of her students were counting to 100, and even adding and subtracting "If the kids come to school," she said, "they do learn." **WPT**





A thought for today

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## Lawful, Liberal

New criminal codes will be tested on their ability to protect the principle of presumption of innocence

The three new criminal codes that kicked in yesterday — BNS, BNSS, and BSB — will eventually replace the trio of IPC, CrPC and Indian Evidence Act, respectively, which have governed the criminal justice system. That'll happen only once all cases filed under the old codes are closed. Given India's caseload, this, in effect, means two sets of codes will be in application simultaneously across jurisdictions — a tremendous challenge for those who man the criminal justice system. That the codes needed an overhaul is indisputable. But challenges remain aplenty.

**Undertrial burden** | The approach to the codes' overhaul was discarding colonial baggage and to be reformative. Here, proportional penalty is key. This means penalties are designed such that minor offences don't invite jail time. Old faults compounded by new offences that have crept in are unlikely to lessen the undertrial burden. It's imperative that during training of the law enforcement machinery, it's drummed in that no matter the crime and prescribed sentence,

there must be unwavering focus on presumption of innocence — the hallmark of a liberal reformative justice system.

**Heavy hand** | Minimum age for criminal responsibility continues to be 7 years, lower than international convention. Snatching is a criminal offence. It's still prison for those not looking after old

parents. Sex on the pretext of marriage can be punished with up to 10 years' jail. A judge can award such convict 1-day jail, or 10 years. Such latitude can be problematic in interpretation — not all judges are judicious

**Old laws block** | Archaic legal ideas continue to be in play. Defamation remains on the statute, as do provisions for 'sedition' if not in so many words. A rigorous weeding out of archaic laws is required, not least when it comes to marital rape. Onus is on legislatures to decriminalise petty behaviour and junk harsh provisions to meet the agenda of reformative justice.

**Capacity flags** | Due process is deeply linked with capacity. Poor forensics botches up many an investigation. And courts must not allow police free hand when it comes to seizing 'evidence'. Due process ensures, for instance, forensics of digital devices don't impinge on privacy rights. It demands probes compartmentalise a phone's contents — what investigators can and cannot explore. And that this rule is spelt out.

Various police forces advertise they 'care' for civilians, but collective experience is often otherwise. At the core, liberal justice, the long-stated purpose for an overhaul of IPC, CrPC and IEA, firmly stands for individual rights. The dharma of India's criminal justice delivery must be premised on protection of personal freedoms and civil liberties.

## For Rohits To Win

Nice guys don't have to lose, provided rules are laid out & implemented fairly. This falters only in politics

A cricket captain under whom India wins a world cup is bound to be celebrated in the country. But what's unusual is the leadership quality for which Rohit Sharma is being saluted — niceness. Popular wisdom is that nice guys finish last. Because the common belief is that getting to the top takes a large dollop of jerk-ness.

Can one really beat the competition without being a bit of a brute and a bully? Without some crookedness? Actually, it all depends on how the rules of the game are laid out. On how these are framed, but also on how these are implemented. In football, for example, it used to be said that, to be successful one must be a bit nasty. Then, new rules and tech made the refereeing more just, and the play more honourable. And tough-tacklers stopped being heroes. Or consider

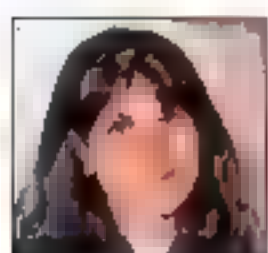
British colonialism, which was just business by unequal means. Only once a rules-based global order levelled the playing field, could Indians start building their own commercial empires.

Today, sports to business to science, in almost every sphere there are many success stories of the Rohit bhayia leadership style of agreeableness, positivity and even-tempereness. Politics alone maintains a big difference. There are two key elements to this. One, any attempt to regulate the aggro in the electoral field runs against the *lakshman rekha* defending free expression. Two, its incentives diverge a lot. People want business to deliver good products and services, and sports-persons to deliver wins. Only in politics are its ugliest moments often its most popular. It's effectively as rules-free as voters will tolerate. So, it looks like a no-holds-barred fight in most countries, most of the time. Everyplace else, nice guys and gals can now finish first.

## Insta food era

The two-shelf kitchen in flats might vanish soon

Shinie Antony



Once people ate people, cavemen being cannibals, and one can a most picture the large pickle jars of sundried, salted human toes. After the discovery of fire came spit-roasting and charred meat — leading to the invention of toothpicks — towards steamed, smoked, batter-dipped and deep-fried, till it all culminated in MasterChef with its fancy plating ritual. Today every dish ever consumed first walks the red carpet on Insta, in photoshoots with professional lighting and camera angles. If it can't be posted, it can't be eaten.

Women woke up early to soak, grind, chop and pound. Old films show them singing happy songs while doing so. Just like ads had women wash clothes in delirious ecstasy because they'd finally found the right detergent. Men ate, women cooked — no excuse would do, not even labour pains. For the longest time patriarchy had no clue where water was kept. They were always calling out to the matriarch when thirsty, so that potable water became the best hidden secret in most households. Men, stumbling through kitchens if left alone, pined for their wives. The day men learnt to make tea, marriages began to break up.

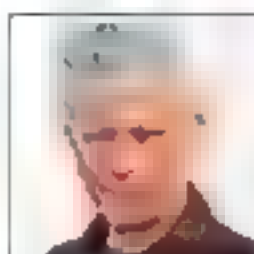
Cooking was delegated to daughters-in-law who began to hire cooks, maharaj and khandasama entered the kitchen. But groceries still had to be bought and pots washed. Street food changed dining table dynamics long before the food delivery guys. Thalys went up against breakfast buffets, gluttony was no longer a sin. Once mankind had tasted fast food, domestic fare had to up its game, trying to get the taste of chaat or Chinese; just like that sold outside. Post-Covid that battle has been lost. Ordering in is now a finger flex. With the same warm look that sepia moms had when they asked, *aaj kya khaoge, beta?* an app can seduce with mouthwatering photos. The pampering has been taken out of home-cooking. *Maa ke haath ka khana* is now the childhood trauma we tell therapists about.

Everyone trustingly swallows what's served, with even 'homemade' outsourced. Whether it's farm-to-table or a gourmet meal, no one's going to mess up their own scullery. The tiny open two-shelf kitchen in flats is set to be history. Cooking from scratch means popping leftover pizza into the microwave. O, the joy of entering a café and telling someone in detail exactly how complicated we like our coffee while a twitchy queue taps feet behind us.

# As Old As Trump, Biden? Good

Ageism ignores economic reality. Seniors are a high spending group, from healthcare to consumption. They aren't a drag on growth. They are a plus for it

Dipankar Gupta



There is a loud ageist rumour doing the rounds. We are told that the elderly are stubbornly living longer and their numbers are now well beyond the load-bearing capacity of the young. This accusation is not just economically untrue, but it also undermines a fundamental feature that is found in humans alone

**Human seniors a breed apart** | What we tend to ignore is that only among us do the old dominate the young. Even our close genetic neighbour, the silverback gorilla, must yield his leadership to younger rivals who are both stronger and more attractive to females in the band. Hard to tell which of the two hurts the arthritic, old gorilla more.

Human beings are, in that sense, a freak of nature. In US, two 75-plus men are banging away at each other for the most powerful office on earth. In the corporate world, if you haven't noticed, peppered

hair makes a CEO look credible.

For us, age confers dignity, not humiliation, as with gorillas. But what about retirement and when the body goes frail? Even then the old keep contributing

**They keep economy going** | The pharmaceutical industry depends on the elderly to sell their drugs, such as the omnipresent lisinopril for hypertension, which in US is prescribed about 90mn times annually. In India, knee replacements are at around 2,50,000 a year and have grown 2.5 times in the past five years.

Sadly, but happily for drug producers, those above 65 years old are 11 times more prone to cancer. Then there are assembly line cardiac surgeries and long stints in ICUs from which hospitals rake in the most.

The "seniors living" market is expected to grow worldwide at a CAGR of 6.2% over the next seven years. Though this is still a fledgling industry in India, it is projected to touch \$12bn by 2030. In India, if current form holds, the spending power of Gen S ("S" for seniors) will be \$1tn by 2050.

Gen S also supports the economy via pension funds, which are a "captive audience", in a manner of speaking, for much of it is channelled towards govt at low interest rates. The rate of growth in pension funds has outpaced GDP growth in several non-OECD countries. Examples abound from Canada to Uganda to India of pension contributions helping develop a country's infrastructure.

Globally, seniors today constitute the wealthiest age

cohort. The overall consumer class will bulge in numbers from 3.9bn in 2020 to about 5.6bn by 2030. This might deflate some cocky juvenile boast, but 76% of seniors will be in this consumer class (who spend at least \$11 a day) by 2030 — a good 11% higher than for other categories.

**Their spending power's huge** | By 2030, a Brookings report says, Gen S will spend close to \$15tn, up from \$8.7tn in 2020. In Japan, the country targeted most for being too creakily geriatric, pensioners' share of spending is over 40%; double that of 2002. Also, Japanese couples over 65 have three times more assets than the average family. This makes seniors the driving force behind spending everywhere, Japan included.

In US, those born before 1965 are increasing their spending in year-over-year terms while younger generation retail spending has declined. Spending is what seniors do best, and they are at it.

This is why some Americans call the "silver economy" their secret weapon. It is pulled out when the country's economy is cornered by inflation, deflation and myriad other economic crises. During the Covid years, this silver economy may well have been the silver bullet that helped most countries survive. So then, why yell at the old?

The digital health market too is burgeoning on the back of seniors. Even in India, a non-OECD country, health services are expected to touch ₹1.74L cr by 2027. Keeping this in mind, GOI has set up a Senior Age Growth Engine, or SAGE, to promote consumer goods aimed especially for the old.

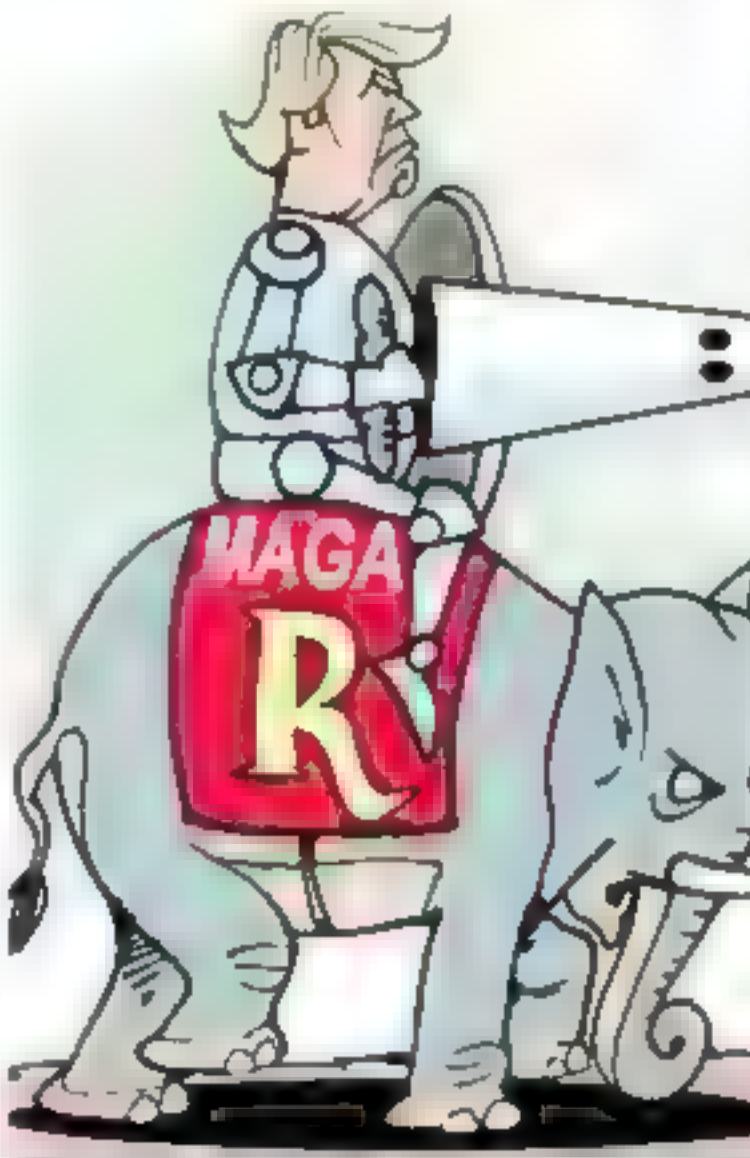


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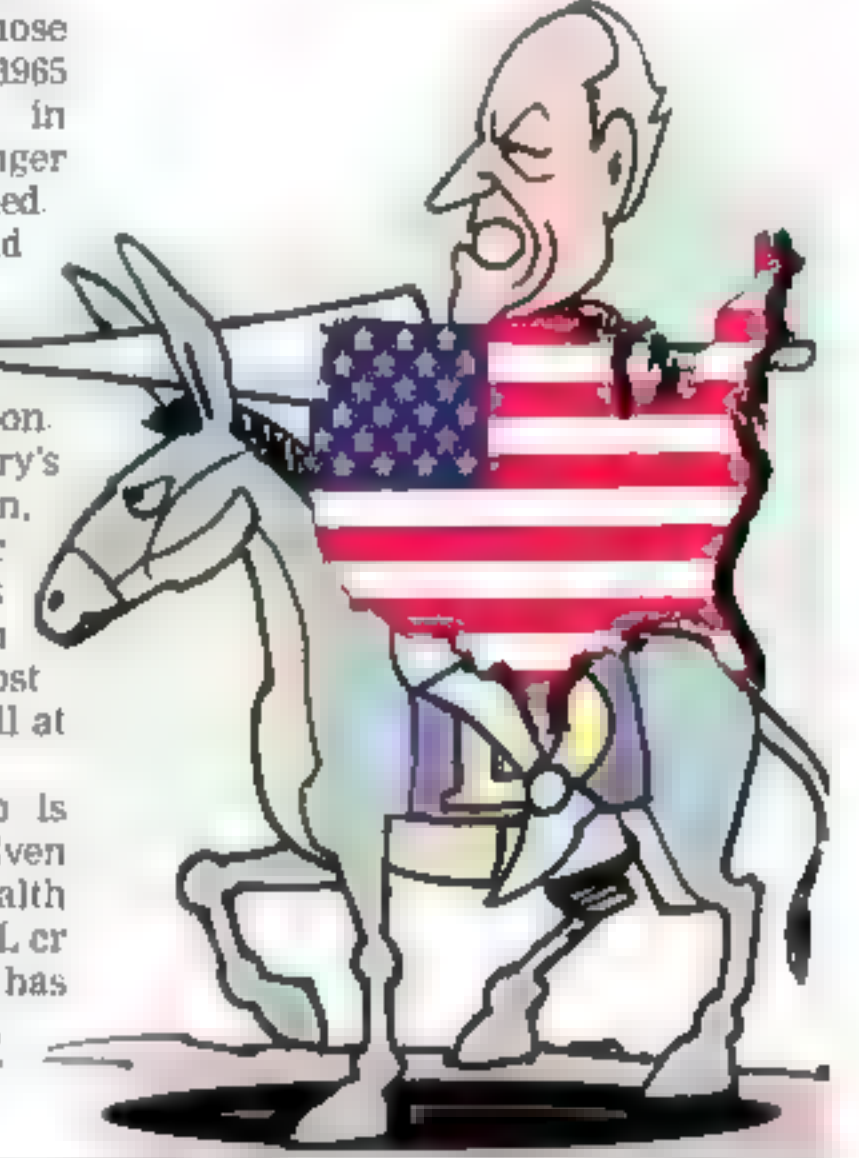
**Elderly play special role in India** | There are other benefits too that elders bestow, especially in India. As about 48% of families here are joint, seniors contribute in ways money cannot buy or can, but at a huge cost. This includes rearing grandkids and keeping the household humming while the young are, hopefully, earning a living somewhere.

But not every old person in India is warming the rocking chair or regaling little ones with nursery rhymes. In India, one third of the elderly are still holding a job and have deferred their retirement to an unspecified future date. They may not be driving at the speed limit but many are still at the wheel.

Unlike the old gorilla, humans pull their weight even at an advanced age. Yet, they are unfairly made out to be the ball and chain holding up progress. Sure, they don't produce as much but they compensate for that by their consumption. It is up to the youth now to step in and produce.

But where have all the young folks gone?

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## Battle Begins: New Codes Versus Old Ways

Gender sensitisation to much larger forensic infra, BNS & two other laws demand huge capacity expansion in the criminal justice system. Are govts up to it?

Ayushi Sharma and Aashna Mansata



India's criminal justice system entered a new era yesterday with the enforcement of three new criminal laws — Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (BSA). Superseding colonial-era statutes, these laws promise to put in place a modern, citizen-centric and justice-oriented criminal justice system.

To resolve long-standing issues of delays in justice delivery and slow investigative processes, the new laws prescribe procedural timelines, increased use of tech digital evidence and mandatory forensic investigations. These changes are not sufficient to truly decolonise the system. Besides, their efficacy depends on tremendous cooperation within state organisations, coupled with mobilisation of significant resources.

**Training must be thorough** | Making the new laws work requires thorough training and competence-building of key stakeholders, including police and judges. Home ministry has already launched initiatives for training of police, prisons, judicial and forensic personnel. However, this cannot be only about disseminating info. Far more is needed. Training of stakeholders must foster a shift in mindset towards the laws' core objectives, to do away with colonial overhang and make the system more citizen-centric. This requires responsive and trust-based policing practices and judicial procedures.

**Community service a grey zone** | BNS lays down community service as a form of punishment for six offences. However, the specifics remain unclear. There is a general lack of clarity on what community service entails, its term, segment(s) of community that will

benefit from it, and how such a punishment will be enforced.

It is judicial decisions that have provided the specifics of such punishment in the past. From the number of hours of service per week to the number of years to its nature, courts have laid down terms on a case-by-case basis. Now, with community service gaining legal recognition, specific guidelines must be put in place. This would ensure uniformity and remove vast scope for judicial discretion.

**Gender sensitisation's key** | BNS has introduced gender neutrality for some offences. While one offence has been made completely gender neutral, some others have been made so only for the offender and not the victim. This is limited progress. What's more, implementing the provisions effectively will be a challenge. Deeply ingrained social beliefs can influence judicial decision making. Rape myths and gender stereotypes have often led to sexual offenders being acquitted wrongly. So, adjudicating these new provisions could face hurdles unless judges undergo thorough gender sensitisation training.

**Infra still lacking** | Section 530 of BNSS provides that all trials, inquiries and proceedings may be held in electronic mode. This can only be implemented properly if there is robust digital infra across all courts. While the eCourts project has laid a foundation, actual revamping of all courts will take time and require digital literacy across the legal system.

Similarly, mandatory forensic

investigations in certain type of cases will call for major infra upgrade. As per a BPRD report, while states like Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Tamil Nadu have over 10 regional forensic science labs, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Mizoram have none. Furthermore, vacancy rates exceed 70% in some cases and pendency rates reach up to 400% in some labs.

Govt's recent decision to allocate ₹2,000 cr for upgrade of FSLs acknowledges these issues. However, only swift and efficient action can ensure the new legal provision is implemented properly.

**Recording specifics** | BNSS also provides for use of audio-video recording for investigative procedures. Doing so would lend transparency to test identification parades, search and seizure operations, victim statements and collection of forensic evidence.

For this, police personnel will need to be equipped with proper equipment and training. Besides, there is need for detailed guidelines for such recordings, on how the equipment is to be used, procedure for recording, and other safeguards against manipulation of evidence.

There are numerous flaws in the three new laws. Even if these were to be kept as is, govt bears a responsibility to ensure they are implemented properly. This requires overruling cooperation within its different organs. Plus a more efficient and transparent govt-citizen interface. It will take a lot more effort to truly decolonise our system. For now, authorities must focus on ensuring through the new laws the change that is possible. That is going to be the real test.

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## Calvin & Hobbes



## Sacredspace

Whenever I feel inside what is right, I try and do that that has been my nature when I captained the team as well. What I feel inside is what I want to do. I don't think a lot about the past and future...

Rohit Sharma

## The Secret To Attaining Permanent Bliss

Swami Tejornayananda

Out of all the phases of life that we go through, people mostly like youth the best. Old age is usually looked upon as the age of complaining.

In Marathi, there is a saying: 'Man becomes wise by experiences.' Nonetheless, merely going through numerous experiences need not make a person wiser. Understanding those experiences and drawing the right lessons from them is important. Every experience holds valuable lessons waiting to be discovered.

During our student life, we study and try to understand life's nuances. As householders, the major portion of life is devoted to careers, household responsibilities, and what we can do for society. In vanaprastha, more time should be devoted to spiritual sadhanas, with decreasing involvement in worldly activities.

Old age can be wonderful and productive — if one has the right attitude. Tulsidasji's advice in Ramcharitmanas applies to a vanaprasthi. He says, "Practice control over the senses, develop dispassion, withdraw from too many worldly activities and devote greater time to the ways of saints and sages."

In life, there comes a time when we can neither read nor hear. Then, we realise the importance of memorising shlokas. Therefore, spend time in *japa* and *nama smaran*. Open an account in the 'Bank of God' and keep depositing in it the name of the Lord. Tulsidasji prays: "Just as a greedy person loves to count money, in the same way, I must become greedy about counting Your name."

His guidelines are: "Develop more and more control, withdraw from worldly pursuits and concentrate increasingly on spiritual sadhana." If this is done, life will be wonderful. If this is not done, our bodies become weak, and desires gain strength, the body cannot keep pace with our desires, and this leads to frustration.

Life is a discovery channel. Every day, there is something new to learn, and one is never too old to learn. Life is also a package deal. These days, low-cost air tickets are available, but they come with special stipulations. Likewise, if you intensely want something, you may have to give up other things. Generally, we do not like the word 'sacrifice', but people often compromise higher values for small pleasures. If we want higher values, we

must relinquish lower pleasures. Unless we stand for something, we will fall for everything! Wisdom lies in choosing the higher.

We have to decide how we wish to live, we have the choice between a life of sacrifice or one of compromise. History has proved that anything worth achieving is made possible only through sacrifice. The scriptures clearly state that a human life is difficult to obtain. The goal of life is not just to enjoy sense pleasures; it is to know the Truth.

Therefore, it is essential to appreciate the uniqueness and value of human birth. Why waste it by merely amassing money and living for oneself? We can know the Truth and attain liberation in this very life. Choose to strive for it. Be resolute and remain firm in it. Then, we can reach the final goal of permanent bliss.

Swamiji is from Chumaya Mission





**Mercedes-Benz CEO Ola Källenius** said that while the German luxury carmaker is committed to offering electric versions of the entire lineup this decade, it will also ensure that its combustion-engine cars remain competitive



French antitrust regulator is set to charge **Jensen Huang-led Nvidia** for alleged anti-competitive practices. The watchdog voiced concerns over sector's dependence on Nvidia's CUDA chip programming software

## Niva Bupa Health looks to raise ₹3,000cr from IPO

**Mumbai:** Niva Bupa Health Insurance (formerly Max Bupa) has submitted a draft red herring prospectus to Sebi to raise Rs 3,000 crore. The IPO includes an offer for sale and a fresh issue of shares. Private equity investor True North, which acquired 51% of Max India in 2019 and which holds its stake through Fettle Tone, will get a partial exit through the OFS. The sale offer includes up to Rs 320 crore by Bupa Singapore Holdings and up to Rs 1,880 crore by Fettle Tone, with the remaining Rs 800 crore being a fresh issue of shares. **TNN**



## Purple bags ₹1,000cr in round led by ADIA

**Mumbai:** Beauty retailer Purple e has raised a fresh Rs 1,000 crore in funding led by Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, the company said in a statement on Monday. The funding values the company at about \$1.3 billion, sources said. **TNN**

## Narayana Health enters insurance biz

**Bengaluru:** Dr Devi Shetty's Narayana Health has forayed into insurance space with its product Aditi, which offers coverage with a sum insured of Rs 1 crore for surgeries and Rs 5 lakh in treatment costs at Narayana Health hospitals. **TNN**

## ICICI Lombard floats AI health insurance

**Mumbai:** ICICI Lombard has launched E-vate, a health insurance plan that uses AI to personalise covers. It comes with unique add-on riders like the option of a one-time infinite claim amount or a sum insured that increases with the previous year's inflation rate. **TNN**

## Ex-Softbank partner joins Flipkart board

**Mumbai:** The Flipkart Group announced the appointment of Lydia Jett, former managing partner at SoftBank Investment Advisers, as a board member effective June 26, 2024. **TNN**

## figure it out

**120 million**

phishing messages are sent every month on mobile phones in India. Roughly 3 lakh people get scammed



# 1st time in 3 years, GST kitty growth slows to single digit

Central, State Mop-Up 8% Higher, Imports May Have Lagged

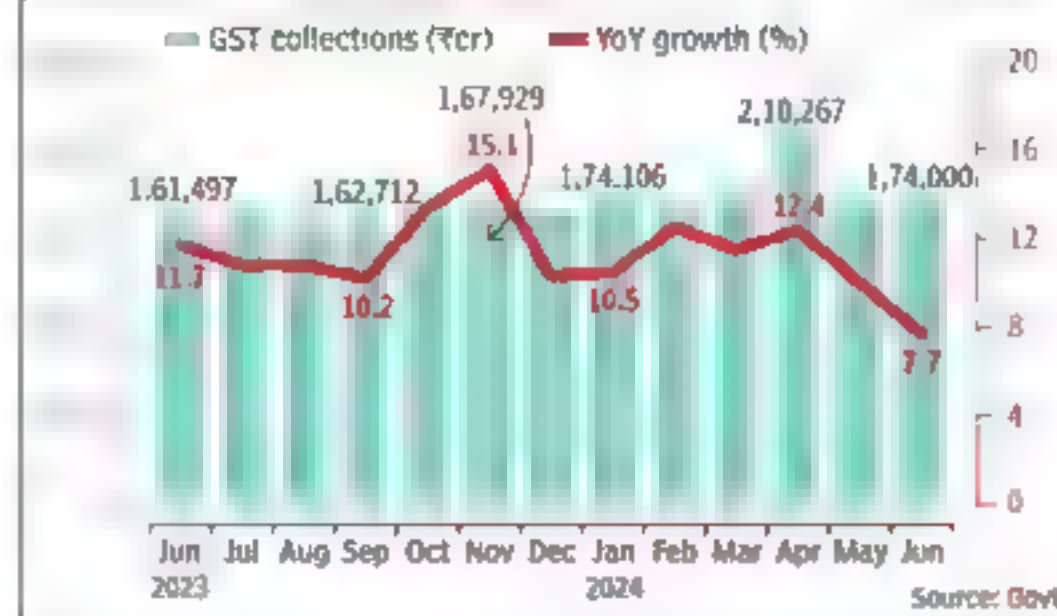
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**New Delhi:** GST collections grew 7.7% in June to Rs 1.74 lakh crore, first time in three years when monthly mop-up rose at single-digit rate.

During the month, based on transactions in May, central GST collections are estimated to have increased 3.4% to Rs 32,067 crore, state GST went up 6.3% to Rs 40,715 crore, according to data available with sources. The two numbers (combined) show an 8% rise to Rs 73,134 crore, indicating a slower increase in integrated GST levied on imports and inter-state sales and cesses. Foreign trade has remained weak due to depressed prices for several commodities.

The IGST and compensation cess data was unavailable as the official numbers were not released by govt. During the first quarter, the kitty is

## RISES TO ₹1.74L CR



estimated to have swollen by 10.2% to Rs 5,57,006 crore. Since December, monthly collections have increased by 10.12%, in line with the nominal growth rate.

"While the growth in collection in June seems to be on a lower side compared to previous month, overall GST collections have shown an encouraging trend over last

few months. Industry hopes that the trend will enable the GST council to reinstate the rate rationalisation exercise as indicated in the last council meeting," said Parik Jain, partner at consulting firm PwC. Economists said one month's data may not point to any direction.

"The June 2024, GST collection of Rs 1.74 lakh crore is

a strong indicator of a booming domestic consumption sector. This marks an impressive four-month streak where collections have exceeded Rs 1.5 lakh crore, bringing the year-to-date total to a remarkable Rs 5.57 crore. This robust performance reflects a buoyant economy, with businesses demonstrating commendable self-compliance. Timely audits, scrutiny measures, and effective enforcement by the department have all contributed to this success. The significant surge in collections also raises expectations for the next wave of GST reforms. These reforms could potentially address working capital blockages, streamline tax rates, ease ITC restrictions and implement sector-specific solutions to tackle existing challenges," said Saurabh Agarwal, tax partner at EY India.

# Auto cos go slow on dealer dispatches as demand dips

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**New Delhi:** After nearly three years of bumper growth, car sales have started to show signs of weakness as demand has come down over the past few months on a high base and other negatives such as severe summer heatwave, uncertainty around elections, and expensive vehicles.

The Indian car market had bounced back strongly after the Covid setback and closed 2023 with record sales of 41.1 lakh units. However, the market has seen a squeeze in demand in recent months, which many fear will mean low-to-flat growth for the full year.

The numbers in June saw Maruti and Hyundai, the top two carmakers, report weak growth in dealership deliveries. But while they managed to stay positive, Tata Motors, which had made a remarkable comeback over the last few years, witnessed an 8% decline in dealer deliveries. Ma-

## IN LOW GEAR



Source: Companies Data

hindra and Toyota, however, had good dispatches, but perhaps more due to pending consumer delivery backlog.

Shailesh Chandra, MD of Tata Motors' passenger vehicles and electric mobility divisions, said after a boost in demand in the first half of April due to festivities in some parts of country, the industry has seen a decline in retail (registrations) in May and June due to elections and heatwave.

This has seen the company "re-adjust" wholesales to keep channel inventory under control. "The electric vehicles industry was affected by the broader industry trend and the impact of significant premonment of

fleet sales in Q4FY24, due to expiry of FAME II subsidy in March 2024. Consequently, while the personal segment retail has grown slightly, there was a sharp decline witnessed in the fleet segment, which is expected to recover in the coming quarters," he said.

Partho Banerjee, senior executive officer (marketing & sales) at Maruti, also said inventory levels are being monitored. "...we do feel that stocks are slightly higher as compared to the norm." However, Banerjee said some 'green shoots' may begin to come up. "With the onset of monsoon and forecast of normal rains this year, we can expect more footfalls. Also, Kharif sowing is going to be record high this year as per some reports. Thus, we are going to see the green shoots coming in the due course of time."

Kunal Behl, VP (marketing & sales) at Honda Cars India, said, "Market conditions have been challenging to create fresh demand."

# Heat, humidity push power demand, fuel sales mixed

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**New Delhi:** The intense heat and wave of rising humidity with the onset of monsoon towards end of the month drove up power consumption by 9% in June as households and commercial establishments ran cooling appliances for longer hours.

But petrol, jet fuel and LPG sales posted moderate gains, while diesel remained in the slow lane during the month, essentially on loss of farm sector demand.

Govt data pegged power consumption at 152.3 billion units (BU) during the month under review against 140.2 BU. The highest demand met in a day, also known as 'peak demand met' in industry parlance, too jumped 9.8% to 245.4 gigawatts (GW) from 223.2 GW in June 2023.

## DIESEL DOWN

The picture was mixed for fossil fuels. Diesel demand, a key indicator of economic activities, was 1.3% lower than June 2023. This is largely attributable to lack of traction from the farm sector. Sequentially, however, sales were 0.4% higher than May.

Petrol consumption posted a healthy growth of 3.6% on rising share of fuel in new car sales and people's preference for personal vehicles for holiday travel. On monthly basis, the growth was a modest 1.9% as the holiday season began tapering and monsoon disrupted travel in many parts.

Jet fuel sales rose 4.3% annually, catching the fading strains of holiday season fervour, the reason why sequentially demand was 3.8% lower than May. LPG sales rose more than 5% year-on-year but were only 0.6% higher than May.

# Mfg activity recovers in June: Survey

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**New Delhi:** Growth in manufacturing activity in the country recovered in June on the back of solid demand, triggering the fastest rate of job creation in the sector in 19 years, a survey showed on Monday.

The HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index increased from 57.3 in May to 58.3 in June, indicating a sharper improvement in business conditions. The 50-point mark separates expansion from contraction in the survey, which is compiled from responses to questionnaires sent to 400 manufacturing companies.

Manufacturing output increased at a sharp pace that was faster than in May as underlying demand remained favourable and new business continued to flow in, the survey results showed. It said the performance of the consumer goods industry was especially strong, although substantial increases were also noted in the intermediate and investment goods categories.

# Avg daily UPI nos touch 46cr peak in June

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** Average daily transactions under UPI touched a new high of 46.3 crore in June, up from 45.3 crore in the month before. Average daily transaction value also rose to Rs 66,903 crore from Rs 65,966 crore in May.

Total transactions in June — at 1,389 crore — were lower than May's 1,404 crore due to the fewer number of days in the month. The number of transactions has increased by 49% year-on-year. According to bankers, there has been a significant increase in the use of UPI for investments in capital markets.

# Broker fees must not be linked to volumes: Sebi

Regulator Proposes Easier Norms For Passive MFs Too

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** In an investor-friendly move, Sebi has asked market entities like stock exchanges and depositories to ensure fees charged to brokers are uniform and not linked to volumes. The markets regulator on Monday also proposed easier compliance structure and reduced capital requirements for passive mutual funds.

The markets regulator has instructed stock exchanges, clearing corporations, and depositories to review fees charged to members such as stock brokers and depository participants. Sebi describes exchanges, clearing corporations and depositories as market infrastructure institutions (MIs). Their service charges are borne by brokers who in turn recover them from investors.

Currently, some of these entities use a volume-based pricing model, which can be complex and lack transparency. This means that stock brokers can collect more money from investors than what they need to pay these entities. This can be misleading for investors and can create an uneven playing field for different sized members.

To address this, Sebi has said that the charges collected by these entities from investors should match what brokers are

charging the end investor. "The MI charges which are to be recovered from the end client should be 'true to label'," Sebi said in a circular. The regulator said that the current practice of recovering charges from customers on a daily basis and passing them on once a month to the MIs could result in end-clients being charged more than what the intermediaries are paying the MIs.

In future, the fee structure must be the same for everyone and not based on the volume of transactions. Also, the new charge structure should consider the current per-unit charges to ensure that investors benefit from any reduction in costs. These changes will be effective from Oct 1, 2024 by when the MIs need to redesign their charge structures to follow these new rules.

On passive funds, Sebi has proposed that fund houses can spin off passive mutual fund schemes, which replicate indices and require less manager discretion, to adhere to less stringent rules and reduce compliance costs.

# 'Women's share on boards rises faster than in top jobs'

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**New Delhi:** Govt mandate to have women on corporate boards has not just pushed up their share to 15.7%, but also helped large companies report healthier finances.

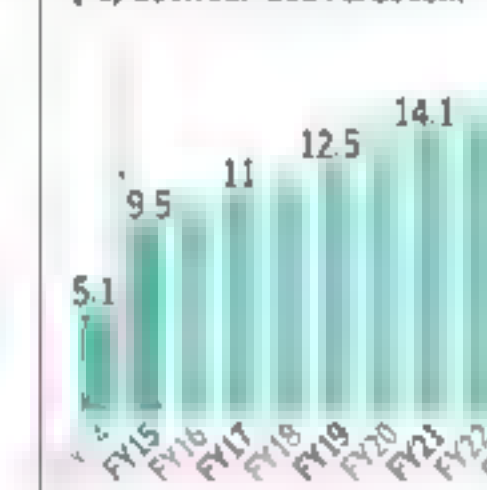
A paper by NCAER economists Ratna Sahay, Navya Srivastava and Mahima Vasishth, however, said there has not been a commensurate increase in increase in women occupying senior management (CXO) roles in Indian companies.

Since the mandate kicked in from April 2015, the share of women directors has increased over three times, after virtually stagnant between 2007 and 2014. In contrast, their representation in top management has increased from 13.8% in FY2014 to 21.8% in FY23, said the paper. To be presented at India Policy Forum on Tuesday.

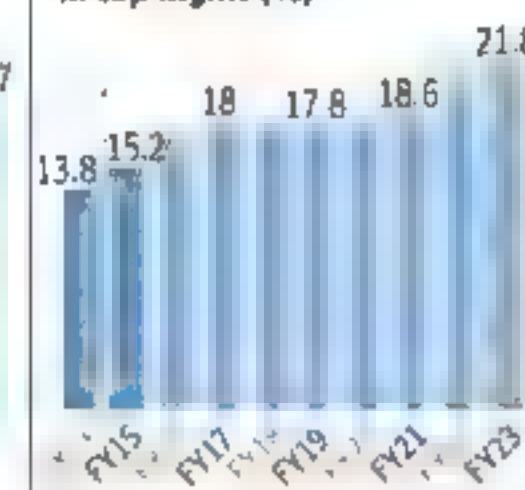
Despite the progress on gender diversity in terms of board seats, India still needs to catch up as it lags the global average of 20% and far below 43% in France, the best performing country. It also pointed out that the share of women directors in companies set up after 1991 was higher as was also the case with

## India Batters Record, Lags Global Avg

The Cos Act (2013) led to a jump in share of women on boards (%) between 2014 & 2015...



...but same sharp rise is not visible for share of women in top mgmt (%)



Source: NCAER Database

top management. While it may come as a surprise to many, small-cap firms listed on NSE fared better on diversity in their board composition with the share of women being 16.5% in 2023, compared with 13.5% for large caps. That's probably because they had smaller boards as average number of women on boards of small cap firms was 2.5 compared to 4.7 for larger peers.

The paper, based on an analysis of over 2,700 NSE-listed companies, also brings out that women directors are not only younger — 57 years being the average age in 2020 compared to 65 years for their male co-

unterparts — they also held more board positions on an average — 1.2 compared to 0.8 for men.

It also concluded that there is a clear case for appointing more women in top positions in the corporate sector as large companies with at least one woman director had better economic performance, higher financial stability and lower financial risk. "We find that higher shares of women in board positions are positively associated with employee ratings and sentiment scores, but the relationship is significant only when there is at least one woman in top management positions," it said.

# 7 years: A friendlier, simpler GST on the way

By Vivek Jhri

As we enter the eighth year of GST, stakeholders would have some inkling of what the future holds. Its broad contours have emerged from the just concluded 53rd meeting of the GST Council last week. Let us see what they add up to.

The good news is that in the tightrope walk between enforcement and facilitation there is a further tilt towards the latter. Of course, tax administration can not afford to take its eyes off the goal of improving compliance by making entry level checks for new taxpayers more foolproof, cleansing the base to purge abusers and ensuring timely filing and payments. The use of technology, such as biometrics and geo-tagging, and a focussed drive against fake entities and fake billing over

the last two-to-three years has yielded good results and would continue. But, any further engineering in enforcement methods may not be necessary unless evaders find new modus of playing bluff. On enforcement, therefore, the focus may shift to better implementation of already prescribed SoPs by field officers so that the conduct of audits and investigations is professional and harassment free.

GST Council has repeatedly used prompt clarification of contentious issues as a means of strengthening facilitation. This helps nip disputes in the bud. Post the Council meeting last week too, a slew of clarifications on the applicable rate of tax, taxability or valuation of a range of economic activities straddling across industry seg-

ments have been issued. Many of these are trade-friendly and provide relief by negating additional tax liability including, in some cases, the past. Owing to paucity of time, the Council could not discuss the entire agenda prepared by the Law and Finance Committees and the balance items would be taken up at the August meeting. Evidently, more such clarifications on pending issues are on the way.

Dispute resolution is also likely to receive closer attention this year. The overarching objective would be to de-clog the dispute resolution channels by curtailing the number of fresh disputes, compressing timelines for resolution and settling those started in the initial phase of GST. Recent measures, such as waiver of interest and penalty

in certain situations, reduction in pre-deposit for appeals, longer time period for payment of tax and interest in order to claim waiver of penalty and monetary thresholds below which govt will not appeal orders, are pointers to this.

However, an agenda item where businesses and lay persons alike have a high expectation of traction this year is the realignment of GST rates. This two-step process involves first, the compression of rate slabs from four (5, 12, 18 and 28%) to three and second, re-slotting of items (goods and services) into new slabs. The purpose is to simplify, so that most items attract the median rate, similar items are broad banded and rate inversions in sectors, such as textiles, fertilisers, pharma etc. are removed. The rate rejig is of deep interest to the final consumer as it

would determine whether her consumption basket becomes cheaper or dearer. It will take a fair amount of alchemy on the Council's part to simultaneously balance revenue neutrality (some rates go up as others decrease) with price neutrality (inflationary impact) and satisfy diverse interest groups.

Given these pulls and pressures, continuing inflationary expectations (especially for food) and the inherent political sensitivity, it would be unreasonable to expect very quick results. While concrete outcomes on this agenda are likely to be backlogged within the financial year, clear timelines and a glide path of transition may well emerge sooner.

(The writer is former chairman, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs. Views expressed are personal)

# Patanjali to acquire parent's non-food biz

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** The board of Patanjali Foods (earlier known as Ruchi Soya Industries) has approved the acquisition of the home and personal care business of parent Patanjali Ayurved for Rs 1,100 crore, the company said on Monday.

The acquisition will add to Patanjali Food's product portfolio which, at present, largely consists of edible oils. Patanjali Ayurved's HPC business covers dental care, skin care, home care and hair care. The deal will be completed by way of a slump sale and the payment will be made in five tranches, Patanjali Foods said in an exchange filing.

"The acquisition will

bring along with it key synergies in terms of brand equity and enhancements, product innovations, cost optimisation, infrastructure & operational efficiencies and positive impact on market share," the company said.

The firm and Patanjali Ayurved have agreed to enter into a deal permitting Patanjali Foods to use the trademarks and associated IP rights owned by the latter and that relate to the product portfolio of the HPC business. "A 20-year licensing agreement for a 3% turnover-based fee along with other conditions has been agreed between the company and Patanjali Ayurved," it said. The Baba Ramdev-led company held a 32.4% stake in Patanjali Foods as of FY24.

# RBI to link UPI, Asean payment systems

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Mumbai:** RBI has joined Project Nexus, an initiative to enable instant cross-border retail payments by linking domestic Fast Payment Systems.

Nexus will initially interlink India's UPI to the FPS of Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand by next year. Indonesia is set to join the platform in the future.

"In my view, the greatest advantage of Project Nexus will be to make cross-border payments much faster and less costly. This is a precursor to greater international cooperation among countries to enable faster cross-border remittances at a lower cost," said RBI governor Shaktikanta Das at the signing of the agreement on Sunday.



# Aggressive Alcaraz gets going

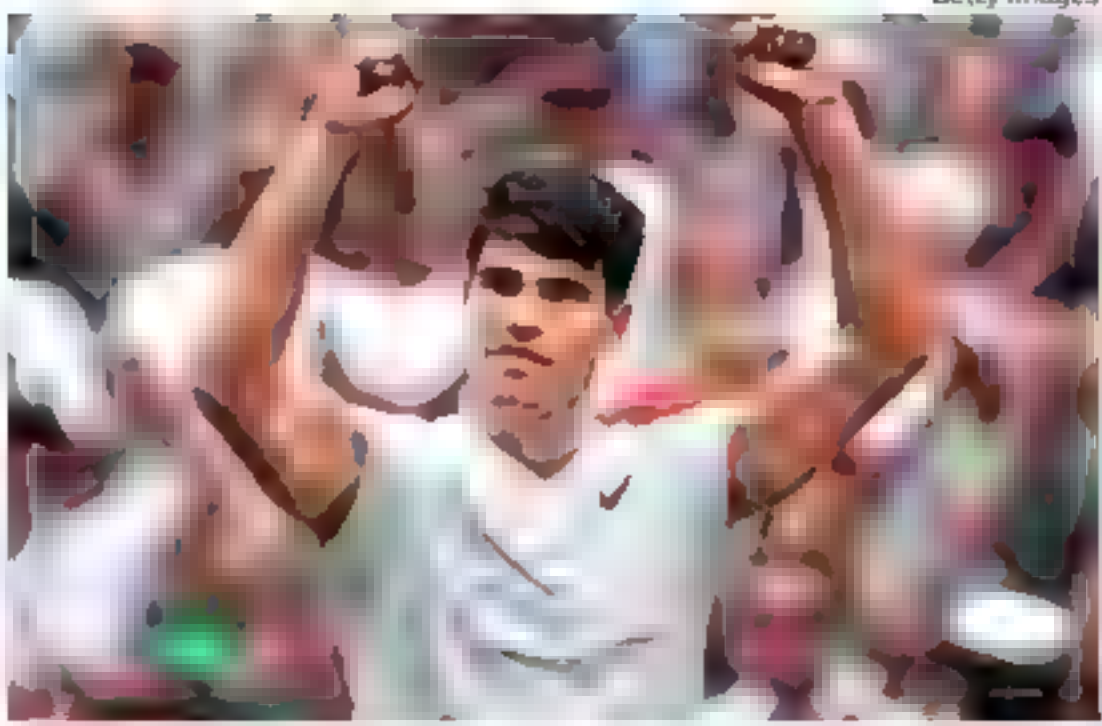
Defending Champ Overcomes Debutant Lajal In First-Round Clash

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London: It's been an unusually chilly start to Wimbledon, the temperature just about touching a high of 20 degrees Celsius. A stiff wind swept across Church Road and spectators huddled at their wraps and jackets. The sun only made a guest appearance and while the grass was dry, the characteristic pop was missing, slowing play considerably.

On Centre Court where Carlos Alcaraz's tennis reigned the weather didn't appear to be a factor. The tennis, like the hairdo on display down the other end, was adventurous to say the least. The defending champion, who rang the bell at SW19, got The Championships off to a sparkling start -- heart-stopping spin and touch coupled with unbounded athleticism and pulsating power. The canvas was cold, but the art was ripe.

Alcaraz won 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-2



**TOUGH NUT:** Carlos Alcaraz celebrates after winning against Mark Lajal in their first round match in London

against Estonia's Grand Slam debutant Mark Lajal, who had his blonde dreadlocks pulled together in a pineapple style. Just as well for the full house for the world No. 269 who came through the qualifiers here, had the shots to match his style as he spurred the world No. 3 to go for more. Not that Alcaraz, whose play flirts with the outrageous, needed the push. The Spaniard had 44 winners in the two hours and 22 minutes on court.

"This is the most beautiful court I have played on," the defending champion said. "I still get nervous when I play here. I practised for 45 minutes on Thursday and it was the first time I was nervous in practice because I was playing on this court."

Lajal (21 years 63 days) and Alcaraz (21 years 70 days), just a week apart in age, are the seventh and eighth youngest players to start the men's singles main draw here. Despite being so close in age, the two have never contested a match at either professional or

## FIRST ROUND RESULTS (DAY ONE)

**Men:** Grigor Dimitrov (10), Bulgaria, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5; Denis Shapovalov, Canada, def. Nicolas Jarry (19), Chile, 6-1, 7-5, 6-4; Juncheng Shang, China, def. Cristian Garin, Chile, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Luca van Assche, France, 6-1, 6-3, 7-5; Borna Coric, Croatia, def. Felipe Meligeni Alves, Brazil, 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-3; Casper Ruud (8), Norway, def. Alex Bolt, Australia, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4; Daniil Medvedev (5), Russia, def. Aleksandar Kovacevic, United States, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

**Women:** Maria Sakkari (9), Greece, def. McCartney Kessler, United States, 6-3, 6-1; Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (25), Russia, def. Taylor Townsend, United States, 7-6 (4), 6-1; Marta Kostyuk (18), Ukraine, def. Rebecca Sramkova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-2; Daria Kasatkina (14), Russia, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-3, 6-0; Naomi Osaka, Japan, def. Diane Parry, France, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4; Madison Keys (12), USA, def. Martina Trevisan, Italy, 6-4, 7-5 (4).

junior levels. Lajal, whose father Mart was a motocross rider and grandfather Hardi Meis was a rally driver, is an accidental tennis player. His dream was to be a racecar driver. On Monday the Estonian, who led by early breaks in the first and second sets, learnt that a break only counts when it's backed by a hold. Winning a race is about holding the lead.

"I was a little bit surprised about his level. I have never seen him play or practice. I watched the highlights, but I didn't get any information. It

was a little bit difficult. I think he played great. This level is not for his ranking. I'm sure if he is still playing at this level, he's going to increase his ranking, his level, and everything," Alcaraz said of Lajal. "I'm happy about my level. I think I played a solid match, a great match." In another first-round match, 5th-seed Daniil Medvedev knocked out American Aleksandar Kovacevic 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Among the women, French Open finalist Jasmine Paolini scored over Sara Sorribes Torro of Spain 7-5, 6-3.

# Liren vs Gukesh World C'ship final to take place in Singapore

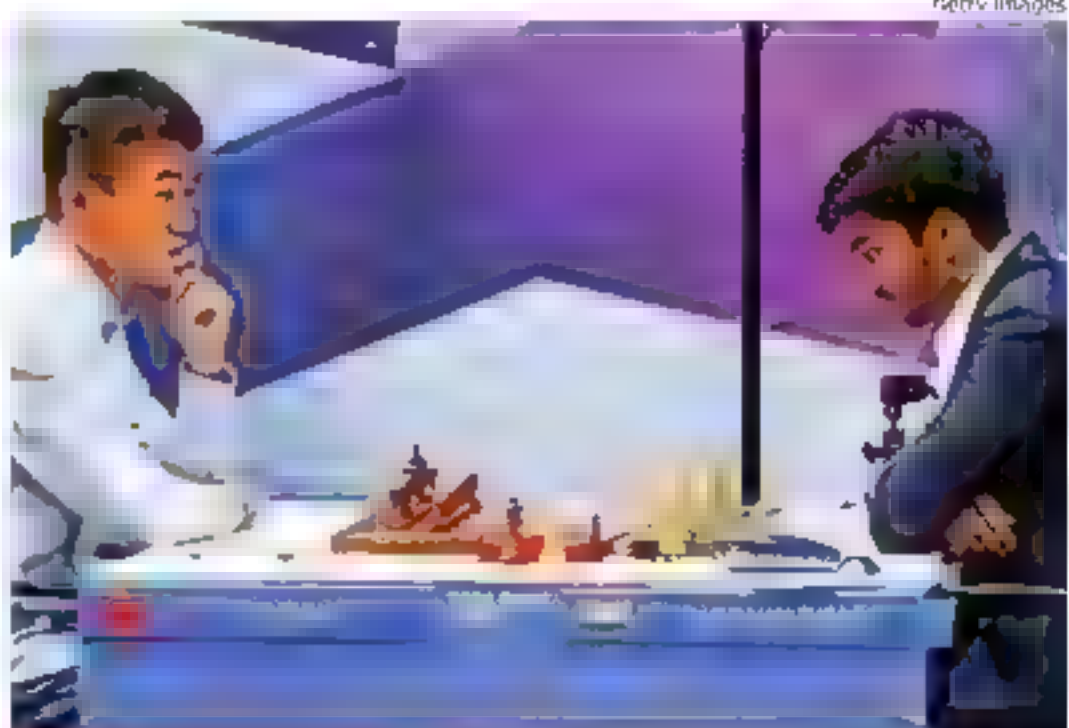
Delhi, Chennai Miss Out On Hosting Rights

New Delhi: India's efforts to secure a home World Chess Championships final match for D Gukesh came to nought with Singapore pipping Delhi and Chennai to claim hosting rights for the premier chess contest which will pit the youngest Challenger in the history against defending champion Ding Liren from China.

The Tamil Nadu government and All India Chess Federation (AICF) had submitted separate bids to FIDE, the world chess body.

The match, which will offer a prize money of \$2.5 million, will be held between November 20 and December 15 this year.

"After reviewing the bids and inspecting all potential host cities for their venues, amenities, event programs, and opportunities, the International Chess Federation has selected Singapore as the host of the World Championship Match," FIDE said in a release.



**SET FOR AN EPIC CLASH:** Ding Liren and D Gukesh

The 17-year-old Gukesh had scripted history by winning the Candidates Chess Tournament in April to become the youngest ever Challenger to the world title, bettering legendary Garry Kasparov's 40-year-old record. "We are delighted that for the first time in the history of FIDE, a match for the World Championship will take place in Singapore. Not only is Singapore one of the most iconic global tourist and business hubs, but it is also a thriving chess center with great ambitions and talent," FIDE president Arkady Dvorkovitch said.

"I would also like to thank the other bidders New Delhi and Chennai. Both cities are renowned chess hubs with a rich history of hosting chess events, and we are confident we will see major chess events there in the future," Dvorkovitch continued.

FIDE CEO Emil Sutovsky said, "Chess is not just a popular game and sport; it is often seen as the epitome of the human mind's ability to think strategically, to plan, and to foresee. Singapore embodies these same qualities. It's a great match for the great Match!"

# Tricky opener for Bops-Ebden pair

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London: India's Rohan Bopanna and Aussie Matthew Ebden, second seeds in the Wimbledon men's doubles draw, go up against the tricky French pairing of Adrian Panariu and Giovanni Petrangola in the first round. The Frenchmen are both singles players -- Panariu, a lefty, ranked 24, has been around the Tour for a while, while the 6'9" Petrangola is 20, has a singles ranking of 58.

Bopanna-Ebden, the reigning Australian Open champions, reached the semifinals at SW19 last year, and with that kick-off a champagne run that won them trophies and accolades. The India No. 2 in the men's dou-

bles, Yuki Bhambhani and Frenchman Albano Olivetti, are in the top half of the draw and take on the Kazakh duo of Alexander Bublik and Alexander Shevchenko.

Sriram Balaji, Bopanna's partner at the Paris Olympics, is playing with Britain's Luke Johnson here. The Indo-British duo, placed in the bottom half of the draw, go up against the in-form fourth-seeded Croatian-Salvadoran pair of Mate Pavic and Marcelo Arevalo, who won in Paris last month.

Sumit Nagal, who won the boys doubles title here nine years ago, has also entered the doubles draw this time, partnering Serbia's Dusan Lajovic. They open against the all-Spanish combine of Pedro Martinez and Jaume Munar.

# Injured Sabalenka pulls out

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London: Aryna Sabalenka has withdrawn from the Wimbledon tennis championships due to a shoulder injury. The world No. 3's decision to pull out opened up an already wide-open women's singles draw. The strapping Belarusian, a two-time semi-finalist here, had hinted she may not be able to start the tournament during her pre-championship media engagement on Saturday.

Sabalenka, who has been replaced by lucky loser Erika Andreeva in the draw, took to social media to say she's heartbroken to pull out of the tournament. "I tried everything to get myself ready, but unfortunately my shoulder is not cooperating. I pushed myself to the limit in practice today to try my best, but my team ex-



plained that playing would only make things much worse," said Sabalenka, who practiced early on Monday. Sabalenka, who retired from her Berlin quarterfinal against Anna Kalinskaya due to the shoulder injury over a week ago, told the press that she wasn't 100 percent fit and the injury was to the teres

major muscle. "The most annoying thing is that I can do anything -- I can practice, I can hit my groundstrokes," she said. "I'm struggling with serving. You don't feel like you're injured if you give me weights, I'm going to lift weights. But if you tell me to serve, I'm going through pain."

# Claims of TMC MP targeted ex-diplomat's hubby Puri: HC

New Delhi: The Delhi HC held that "roving allegations" insinuating financial impropriety in purchase of a property in Switzerland by former diplomat Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri were "actually targeted" at her husband and BJP's Hardeep Singh Puri, reports Abhinav Garg.

The court said it was "extremely irresponsible" of Gokhale to have published the "derogatory content" without due verification. It further directed Gokhale to publish an apology on his X handle from which he had put out the offending posts, as also prominently in TOI's Delhi edition. "It is this court's view that no amount of monetary award can truly compensate for damage to reputation. However, upon a balance of all considerations, defendant No. 1 is directed to pay to the plaintiff damages in the sum of Rs 50 lakh within eight weeks," HC noted, while making it clear that the apology shall be retained on Gokhale's X handle for six months from the date of posting.

Justice Bhambhani noted that the documents placed by the former diplomat "clearly and cogently explained the source of funds" used by her to purchase the apartment, which included a loan from a banking institution and funds from her daughter, and while the damage caused to her reputation by the offending posts cannot be "effaced completely", an unconditional apology is the least that is required. "The offending posts are per se defamatory; that the plaintiff has suffered undeserved legal injury to her reputation which warrants redressal," the judge observed, saying allegations of financial impropriety dent the very foundations of a person's reputation and in the present case, the loss of esteem suffered by her would have resulted "inevitably in loss of social standing, accompanied by psychological distress, aggravated by the pain of false accusation."

Puri had approached the high court in 2021.

# Rahul's first speech as LoP a front-on attack on Modi-Shah

Linking Any Religion To Violence Wrong: Shah

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The exchange was one of many which marked Rahul's maiden speech as leader of opposition. While he appeared charged, targeting govt over Manipur, Agri-vest, NEET and MSP, an indication of BJP's combative intent came right at the outset in the form of the PM's riposte to Rahul's jibe about his face betraying no expression. "I have been taught by the Constitution and democracy to take the LoP seriously," Modi said.

The PM got support from his senior colleagues. Home minister Amit Shah supported Modi's charge that Rahul had insulted Hindus.

## Have become 2 persons as LoP: Rahul

Rahul said as LoP, he has become two persons, with his individual aspirations "having to die" before "the constitutional person" who has to represent all opposition parties, and who should be "disturbed" when Hemant Soren or Arvind Kejriwal are sent to jail. He said people have "given me responsibilities above my likes and dislikes". Rahul told Speaker Om Birla that he is also in a similar role, with Birla the individual and Birla the Speaker as two different entities. **THE TIMES**

"Crores of people in country proudly call themselves Hindus. Are they all speaking about violence? Linking violence to any religion, that too by somebody holding a constitutional position... I believe he should apologise," Shah said. With the treasury benches up in arms, Rahul retorted, "Aap Hindu ho hi nahin". Rahul said when opposition was "violently crushed", with two CMs put in jail, they sought refuge in "Shiv ji", as he flashed a poster of the deity. The Speaker and BJP members objected to it. He said the snake around Shiva's neck, trident behind his left shoulder and "abhai mudra" taught fearlessness, non-violence and courage. He said BJP brass spent 10 years spreading "hate, fear and violence" against anyone who opposed their policies, calling such actions contrary to the teachings of Lord Shiva and precepts of other religions. He said the two BJP tenures witnessed relentless assault on the foundational ideas of India and the Constitution, with farmers, students, small businessmen, opposition and soldiers bearing the brunt of whimsical policies and "vendetta". He also repeatedly mocked PM as "non biological" who has

"direct connection with the almighty", ribbing Modi on his campaign-time claims.

Rahul also referred to Ayodhya, saying BJP MP Anurag Thakur had spoken on the topic. "Anurag had talked about the attack on Sanatan Dharma, that's why I have done this. I want to show what happened in Ayodhya, what was the truth of Ayodhya..." Gandhi said people of Ayodhya have given a message by defeating BJP.

Rahul's speech on the motion of thanks to the President's joint address, his first as the leader of opposition in Lok Sabha, was a biting, front-on attack on Modi and Shah, who along with defence minister Rajnath Singh occupied the front row for the address.

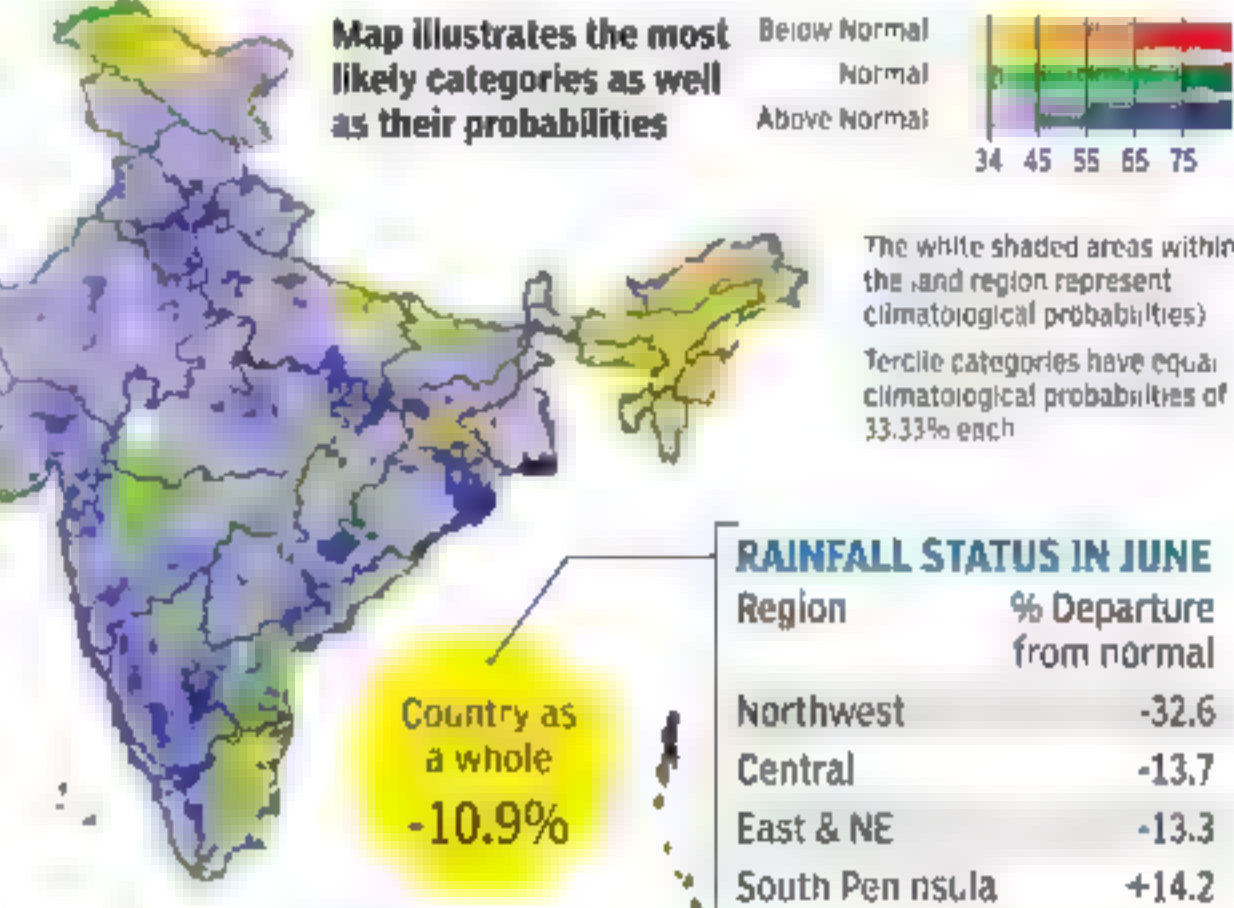
Rahul also congratulated BJP on winning 240 seats and promised support. "Opposition is not your enemy. We are here to make your job easier," he said. However, he also urged them to "not spread fear and hatred".

# Good rainfall set to cool things down in NW India

## YEAR'S MONSOON TO END AS 'ABOVE NORMAL'?

### MONSOON RAINFALL FORECAST FOR JULY

July rainfall averaged over the country as a whole is most likely to be above normal. Normal to above normal rainfall is most likely over most parts of the country. Many parts of northeast and some parts of northwest, east and southeast peninsula may get below normal rainfall.



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New Delhi: Despite an 11% shortfall in June, monsoon this year could end in the 'above normal' range with IMD expecting good rainfall in the coming three months of the season.

"In 20 out of the 25 years, when June rainfall was below normal, July rainfall was normal or above normal. Similarly, in 17 of the 25 years, when June rainfall was below normal, overall southwest monsoon rainfall was normal or above normal," said IMD chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra while sharing past data that indicate high probability of 'above normal' seasonal rainfall in the country when La Nina would be an important factor.

As far as temperature is concerned, good rainfall will bring relief with maximum (day) temperature being normal to below normal over many parts of the northwest India in July.

In contrast, northwest India recorded a mean temperature of 31.73 degrees Celsius in June, 1.65 degrees Celsius above normal and the highest since 1901. Even the monthly average maximum temperature in the region was 38.02 degrees Celsius, 1.96 degrees Celsius above normal and highest since 1901.

# Assam-Arunachal flooding cuts off road links to several India-China border areas

Flooding in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh worsened overnight with rain continuing to feed rivers already in spate and causing multiple landslides on Monday that cut off road links to several areas along the India-China border, reports Kangkan Kalita.

Assam State Disaster Management Authority reported that the number of flood-ravaged districts in the state increased from 12 to 19. In Arunachal's Itanagar, the administration ordered shutting schools from July 2 to 6 due to rain and landslides. Floodwater washed away a bridge over the Kurung river in Kurung Kumey. The swollen Kameng River swept away many houses in Seppa, East Kameng districts.

There seems to be no respite in sight over the next few days, with IMD forecasting heavy to extremely heavy rain in the Northeast till at least the end of the week. Over 8,000 people are sheltered in relief camps across Assam. Tinsukia district reported one more flood-related death, taking the season's death toll to 35. CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said heavy rain in catchment areas of Arunachal was causing more flood risk. He said NDRF and the Army were on standby to deal with any emergency. "The next three to four days are critical. We need to monitor the situation minutely."

Subansiri in North Lakhimpur surpassed its previous highest flood levels, recorded in 2011 and 2017. "The situation worsened after National Hydroelectric Power Corporation released 409 cubic metre water from the Lower Subansiri dam, affecting 11,000 people in 21 villages of the district," CM Sarma said.

PM Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah spoke to Sarma for an overview of the flood situation.

IMD data shows that Rajasthan, MP, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, and Saurashtra and Kutch regions of Gujarat experienced 20 to 38 days of heat waves during April-June period. Summer (March-June) in India this year experienced

around a total of 536 heat wave days (heat wave days of all 36 meteorological subdivisions put together) -- the highest since 2010 (578 days), when IMD started gathering this data. In June, the country experienced 181 heat wave days, the highest in the last 15-years with earlier highest recorded in 2010 (177 days).





I THINK SPAIN ARE THE FAVOURITES FOR THIS TOURNAMENT AND THEY WILL BECOME CHAMPIONS. IT'S A PITY THAT WE MET THIS TEAM, BUT IT'S OKAY, IT'S NOT THE END. WE WILL COME BACK STRONGER."

—GIORGI MAMARDASHVILI | GEORGIA GOALKEEPER

# NO OWN GOALS!

France Advance to Quarterfinals Without Scoring From Open Play

Dusseldorf: Jan Vertonghen's late own goal took France into the quarter-finals of Euro 2024 on Monday as they edged Belgium 1-0 in a tense tie in Dusseldorf. France had dominated the last-16 clash but their prodigal finishing looked set to force extra time until they finally found a way through with five minutes left.

Substitute Randal Kolo Muani collected the ball inside the Belgian penalty area and hit a shot that was going wide until a deflection off the unfortunate Vertonghen took it past goalkeeper Koen Casteels.

The lucky break sent the 2022 World Cup runners-up into a last-eight tie in Hamburg on Friday as they remain on course to become European champions for the third time.

France are yet to score from open play in four matches at the tournament — captain Kylian Mbappe netted once from a penalty against Poland, while their other two goals came from opposition defenders.

Crucially, however, they are rock solid in defence, having conceded only one goal, from a penalty, so far. Their back line was outstanding against Romelu Lukaku and his fellow attackers, and Belgium bow out after what will go down as a disappointing tournament.

Both of these sides were looking for revenge in Belgium's case for their 1-0 defeat against France in the semi-finals of the 2018 World Cup, a result that still hurts six years on.

France, meanwhile, had a point to prove at the Euros after going out in the last 16 three years ago on penalties to Switzerland, a deeply disappointing result in between runs to consecutive World Cup finals.

The French were widely seen as the favourites to win this tournament before arriving in Germany, but they were below par during the



France are the first team in Euro history to play 4 matches scoring only via set goals or penalties and yet stay in the competition.

ROUND OF 16  
FRANCE 1  
BELGIUM 0

group phase. The broken nose suffered by Mbappe in their opening game against Austria did not help, and the uncertain form of Antoine Griezmann has been a problem too.

Griezmann was dropped for the last group match against Poland but returned here in one of two changes, with Marcus Thuram also coming in as wingers Ousmane Dembele and Bradley Barcola made way.

Meanwhile Belgium coach Domenico Tedesco's reaction to his own side's unconvincing displays in the group stage was striking.

Yannick Carrasco and Loïs Openda were given starts to provide as much attacking threat as possible in support of Lukaku, while skipper Kevin De Bruyne played a more withdrawn role. The hope, for the neutrals at least, was that so much attacking talent would lead to an open

RAW DEAL: Belgium goalkeeper Koen Casteels (right) watches helplessly as France's Kolo Muani's (not in pic) deflected shot bounces in

game full of goals, but the reality was rather different.

Belgium were happy to sit back and thwart France and did not test opposition goalkeeper Mike Maignan at all in the first half. AFP

## Nico is going to be a little annoying now, says pal Yamal

Spain's Young Stars Revel in Banter Ahead Of Massive Clash With Germany

Cologne: Spain have set up a mouth-watering quarterfinal meeting with Germany for Friday, an early final of sorts with both heavyweight being joint highest winners of this tournament with three titles.

But before that, on Sunday night, the Iberians set the tournament alight with a slick masterclass with a 4-1 demolition of Georgia, who for their part gave Luis de la Fuent's team a slight ruffle by taking the early lead through a Robin Le Normand own goal in the Round of 16 encounter. De la Fuent's would later say his team could have beaten Georgia 9-1. Not many would have disagreed with that view. "I don't want to offend anyone, but I think we have the best team and the best players. The result was deceptive because it could have been 8-1 or 9-1," Spain's coach said.

A polished performance in drizzling rain, Spain's was a message of intent and one which included superbly taken goals from Rodri, Fabian Ruiz, Nico Williams and Dani Olmo. Coach Luis de la Fuent's claim was further buttressed by the idea that the play they dished out was orchestrated along Spain's wings by a duo whose combined age is less than Cristiano Ronaldo's own age. Williams is 21 years, and Lamine Yamal 16, the Portuguese superstar is 39. Do the math.

The youngsters have lent Spain their cool confidence at this tournament. On Sunday, they were quick, inventive and unrelenting down the flanks, with the older Williams proving the biggest threat in a pulsating game. Having led Georgia's defence on a merry jig, Williams and Yamal later performed a celebratory dance.

"Nico Williams is going to be a little annoying after his match," joked Yamal, "I told him not to start with it because I will score in the next game." After the game, Williams and Yamal were seen playing 'rock, paper, scissors' for a well-deserved post-match drink. "He didn't want to give me the bottle of water and we always play a game of chance," one said. "This week he'll have to put up with me because he didn't score — hopefully in the next

ROUND OF 16

SPAIN  
Rodri 39, Ruiz 51, Williams 75, Olmo 83  
GEORGIA  
Le Normand 1

25 Twenty-five of Spain's squad of 26 players have made an appearance at Euro 2024 — only goalkeeper Alex Remiro is yet to play.

21 years and 354 days Nico Williams is the second-youngest player to score in a Euro knockout round match for Spain, aged 21 years and 354 days. The record is held by another Spaniard Ferran Torres (21 years and 119 days at Euro 2020)

game he can shut me up. We always give each other challenges and work well together."

Thanks to his tender age and illustrious club, Spain and Barcelona's teenage winger Yamal has caught the eye but on the opposite flank, Williams is proving every bit as devastating as the 21-year-old Bilbao winger's stunning goal, showed.

Newspaper Marca described Yamal and Williams as "two Ferraris" on the wings and as they tore strips out of the Euros debutants to reach the quarter-finals, a watching Germany would have felt a flutter or two.

Facing Germany in the last eight is arguably the biggest match of the duo's careers.

"When you see what Yamal brings to football, age becomes no issue," German fullback David Raum said in glum admiration. "The lad plays in first team at Barcelona and also in the national team so there is no point talking about him as a kid. He has brutal quality and we will have to find a way to defend against him."

"I think they are two top players, but not just those two. The whole Spanish team is very well equipped. They are never really predictable," he said. AGENCIES



DUTCH OVEN  
Netherlands On The Boil, Seek To Reignite Campaign Against Romania After Poor Start

Munich: Netherlands captain Virgil van Dijk has called upon his side to rediscover their "will to win" ahead of Tuesday's Euro 2024 last 16 meeting with Romania.

Despite boasting a talented squad, the Netherlands have so far struggled in the tournament. Drawn in Group D alongside heavyweights France and Ralf Rangnick's impressive Austria, the Netherlands finished just ahead of a lacklustre Poland and qualified as one of the four best third-placed sides.

Van Dijk, in particular, was the target of criticism from former Dutch midfielder Rafael van der Vaart who summed his "disgraceful performance" against Austria in the Netherlands' final group game.

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"I want him to show some passion," said the former Oranje playmaker. Still considered among the best defenders in the world, 32-year-old Van Dijk was at fault for Austria's decisive third goal in the 3-2 win which sent the Alpine nation through as group winners.

Coach Ronald Koeman was a player when the Netherlands won the 1988 Euros on German soil. "If we have the luck we had in 1988, we'll win tomorrow," he said.

Forward Cody Gakpo said Monday: "We need to be there, give energy, that's our game plan. Romania need to produce a near perfect performance, Romania coach Edward Iordanescu

2 This will be only the second major tournament meeting between Romania and the Netherlands, with the Oranje winning 2-0 in the group stage of Euro 2008.

on Monday ahead of the round of 16 Euro 2024 clash. "We know we have to be close to perfection tomorrow to have a good result," Iordanescu said. "Mentally we have to be very strong and decisive. I think my team can do that. We must not make individual mistakes."

Romania are 40 spots below seventh-placed Netherlands in the FIFA rankings and have won only two of their 19 games at six Euros finals appearances.

They face a Dutch side that have disappointed so far and finished

third in their group after losing 3-2 to Austria but Iordanescu cautioned against reading too much into that performance.

"Don't be fooled by how the Netherlands played against Austria," he said. "No game is easy, especially not one that can get you into the quarter-finals. The Netherlands are favourites tomorrow. They have incredible players but we have our own strengths."

Iordanescu said he was also considering changes beyond the forced replacement of suspended left back Nicusor Bancu, who misses out due to two yellow cards, adding that whoever plays knows what is at stake. "Reaching the quarter-finals would be fabulous," he said. "It's important that we're strong, organised and decisive, then there could be things that go in our favour." AGENCIES

ROMANIA VS NETHERLANDS

Munich Football Arena

HEAD TO HEAD (14 games)



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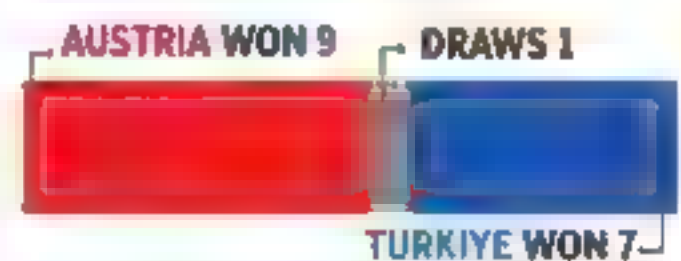
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AUSTRIA VS TURKIYE

Leipzig Stadium

HEAD TO HEAD (17 games)



FORM GUIDE

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## There's no place like Leipzig

'Home' Sides Austria And Turkiye Battle It Out

Leipzig: Turkiye have felt at home at Euro 2024 thanks to a huge expat population in Germany, but it is Austria who will be in familiar surroundings for Tuesday's last 16 clash in Leipzig.

Under the leadership of Ralf Rangnick, Austria have been the revelation of the tournament so far, topping a group that contained France and the Netherlands thanks to their coach's trademark brand of energetic football.

Rangnick's first foray into international management has reestablished his reputation as one of the game's brightest thinkers after an ill-fated and short-lived spell in charge of Manchester United. It was Rangnick's record in building the sporting organisation behind Red Bull's football empire in Salzburg and then in the German city of Leipzig that had attracted United in the first



place. Now the 66-year-old is reaping the reward of those structures he put in place as Austria look to make history by reaching the quarter-finals.

Seven of Rangnick's squad either currently play for Salzburg or Leipzig or have done at some point in their career. Baumgartner signed for Leipzig in 2023.

coach and players has allowed Austria to play the high-pressure game that has become the norm among Europe's top clubs but is difficult to implement at international level due to a lack of time in training. "The intensity is the decisive factor," said Rangnick.

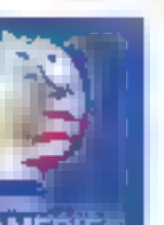
Austria's fine form is even more remarkable given the loss of Real Madrid's David Alaba among a string of injuries. Marcel Sabitzer of Borussia Dortmund, Bayern's Konrad Laimer and veteran Marko Arnautovic are the biggest names left in the squad.

But the club-like team spirit fostered by Rangnick has been their strength to compensate for the lack of star names. AFP

## MEXICO OUT; ECUADOR EARN SPOT IN LAST 8

Glendale: Mexico were eliminated from the Copa America after a 0-0 draw against Ecuador, who advanced to the quarterfinals after avoiding a penalty in stoppage time thanks to a VAR review.

Mexico were initially awarded a penalty kick when Ecuador's Felix Torres took down Mexican forward Guillermino Martinez in the penalty box. VAR rescinded the penalty because Torres touched the ball and Mexico were awarded a corner kick, sending in a chorus of boos raining down from

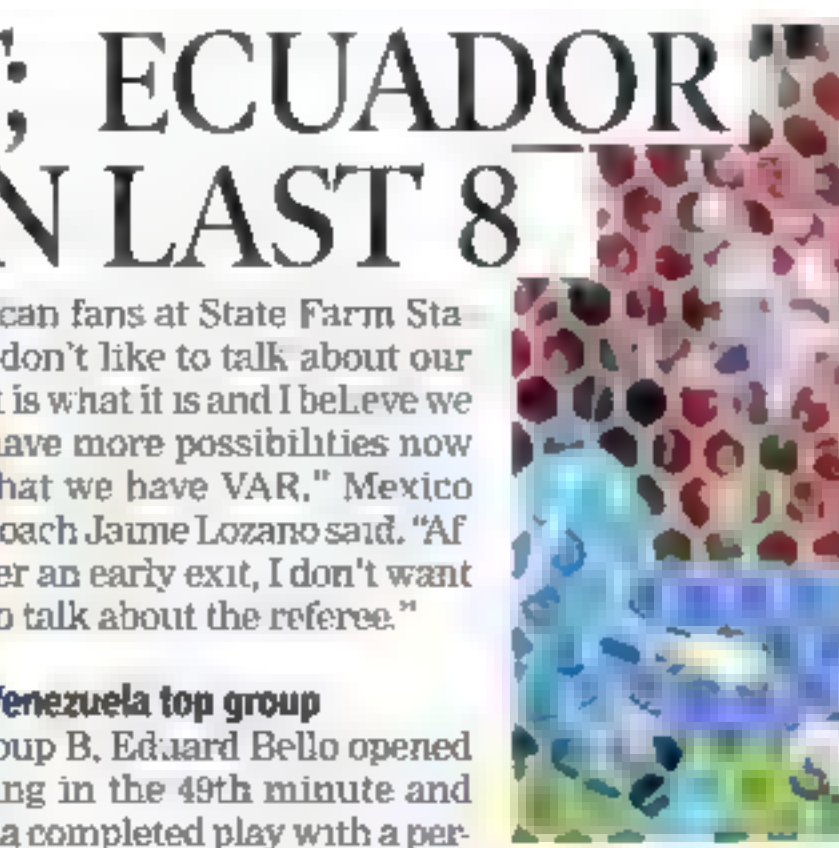


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the Mexican fans at State Farm Stadium. "I don't like to talk about our referee. It is what it is and I believe we have more possibilities now that we have VAR," Mexico coach Jaime Lozano said. "After an early exit, I don't want to talk about the referee."

Venezuela top group

In Group B, Eduard Bello opened the scoring in the 49th minute and Venezuela completed play with a perfect record, beating Jamaica 3-0. By winning the group B, Venezuela avoided



POACHER AT WORK: Venezuela's midfielder Eduard Bello (centre) heads the ball for his team's first goal against Jamaica in Austin. Venezuela won 3-0



ed a Thursday matchup in the quarterfinals against defending champions Argentina.

Uruguay's coach Marcelo Bielsa has been suspended by South American soccer's governing body for coming out late for the second half of the first two Copa America matches and will miss his team's game against the United States on Monday.

The Confederation of South American Football said Sunday that Bielsa broke tournament rules and it fined the Uruguayan Soccer Association \$15,000. Uruguay came out late for the second half in victories over Panama and Bolivia. Lionel Scaloni, Ricardo Gareca and Fernando Batista also faced similar bans. AGENCIES

## Just be happy, Georgia coach tells 'Kvara-dona'

Cologne: Georgia coach Willy Sagnol told winger Khvicha Kvaratskhelia to be happy and carry on playing with heart whatever he decides amid speculation about a transfer from Napoli to Paris St Germain after his stellar performances at Euro 2024.

"If he wants to, he should go," Sagnol said after Georgia's defeat to Spain ended their participation at the tournament in Germany where Kvaratskhelia, nicknamed "Kvara dona" by fans after Diego Maradona, has shone.

"If it's Napoli or Paris or whatever, I just want him to be happy and to still play with a lot of emotions, because that is how he gets so fantastic. I just wish him all the best in his career."

Kvaratskhelia helped Napoli to the Serie A title in

the 2022/2023 season — their first since Maradona played for them — winning both Most Valuable Player and Goal of the Season. At the Euros, he tormented defences and scored in a shock win over Portugal that took Georgia past the group stage at their first major international football tournament despite being the lowest ranked team.

That, inevitably, revived questions over the 23-year-old's future, with some media reports saying he is weighing a contract renewal with Napoli versus interest from French champions PSG.

"I don't think he will decide on his own. I think he still has a contract in Napoli. It's a big club, and a club that has to be respected like all the other clubs," added Sagnol at a news conference.



SWEET BIRDS OF YOUTH: Spain's Nico Williams (R) celebrates scoring his team's third with Lamine Yamal in Cologne



KVARATSKHELIA



GALLERY

McLaughlin-Levrone steals the show on last night of US Oly trials

**Eugene:** Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone broke the women's 400 metres hurdles world record for the fifth time on Sunday after crossing the line in 50.65 seconds at the US Olympic trials in Eugene, Oregon. The 24-year-old Olympic champion improved on her previous mark of 50.68 set two years ago at the same Hayward Field track and will travel to Paris to defend her title. McLaughlin-Levrone was in a state of disbelief after posting such a quick time. "I'm just amazed, baffled and in shock," she said.

Anna Cockrell (52.64) was second while Jasmine Jones (52.77) took third. McLaughlin-Levrone exploded out of the blocks and took the lead immediately, gliding over each hurdle in a technically flawless performance.

China badminton player, 17, dies of cardiac arrest after collapsing on court

An "outstanding" 17-year-old Chinese badminton player died of cardiac arrest after collapsing on court during a tournament in Indonesia, officials said on Monday. Zhang Zhijie was suddenly taken ill during a match late Sunday against Japan's Kazuma Kawano at the Asia Junior Championships in Yogyakarta. The score was 11-11 in the first game when Zhang fell to the floor between points. The teenager received treatment at the venue and was rushed to hospital by ambulance, but passed away later that night after repeated efforts to resuscitate him failed.

Jackson completes sprint double at Jamaican Oly trials

**Shericka Jackson** completed the sprint double on the final day of the Jamaican Olympic trials by winning the women's 200 metres on Sunday while Ackema Nugent set a national record en route to winning the 100 hurdles. Double 200 world champion Jackson crossed the finish in 22.29 seconds, her best performance of the year, while Lanae-Tava Thomas (22.34) was second and Niesha Burgher third (22.39).

"I'm pretty pleased giving how the season was going. I ran a season best yesterday and came back with another season best today, so I'm definitely happy," the Tokyo Olympics 100 bronze medalist said. "I'm happy and healthy, so it's go-time for the Olympics."

NBA sets salary cap at \$140.588mn for 2024-25 season

The NBA announced on Sunday that the salary cap is set at \$140.588 million for the 2024-25 season. The league said the Tax Level will be \$170.814mn. Both figures go into effect from Monday. The NBA said the minimum team salary is set at \$126.529mn for the 2024-25 season. For teams that exceed the tax, the First Apron Level is \$178.132mn and the Second Apron Level is \$188.931mn. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

**FOOTBALL:** Euro PQFs, Romania vs Holland, 9.30 pm; Austria vs Turkey, 12.30 am Wednesday (Sony Sports)  
**TENNIS:** Wimbledon, 3.30 pm (Star Sports)

# FITNESS TESTS NO MORE 'CRITERION' FOR INDIA SELECTION

## Focus Has Shifted To Injury Preventive Tests & Performance Tests For Contracted Players

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**New Delhi:** The T20 World Cup-winning campaign was a rare instance in the last five years when the Indian team had all its resources fit and available for selection. Plagued by recurring injuries to star players like Jasprit Bumrah and Hardik Pandya post the 2019 ODI World Cup, the Indian cricket board's (BCCI) medical team at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) changed its approach for contracted players from doing fitness tests to injury preventive tests and performance tests in the last two years.

According to a NCA document, in possession of TOI, it is clearly mentioned that the standard fitness tests are not a 'selection criterion' for players. The Indian team management under the captaincy of Virat Kohli and coach Ravi Shastri had made fitness tests like the yo-yo test, which checks the endurance of athletes, a yardstick for players to get into the team.

The NCA team, comprising physios and strength & conditioning coaches, has devised three proformas which are known as National Fitness Testing Criteria (NFTC), Performance Testing Battery and Pre-

vention Testing Battery. The NFTC is supposed to be done every 12-16 weeks, performance testing every six weeks and prevention testing every two weeks. The NFTC consists of 10 metre sprint test, 20 metre sprint test, standing long jump, yo-yo tests and dexta scan (fat percentage). Interestingly, the document states that these numbers are derived from the average of athletes in an age group and are only group benchmarks. "Please note these are only fitness measures and not a selection criterion," the document reads.

Notably, the yo-yo and 20 metre sprint numbers are set higher for emerging players than centrally contracted players. The yo-yo mark for contracted players is 16.5 while emerging players are expected to score 16.7.

What's more interesting is that these yo-yo tests have become a rarity for contracted players at NCA. "The idea is that once a player is centrally contracted, he must have reached the desired level of fitness. With the amount of cricket and time they spend on the road, it is unreasonable for contracted players to undergo NFTC tests. So, the focus has

shifted to injury prevention and performance tests. Team India strength and conditioning coach Soham Desai, along with physios Yogesh Parmar, Thulasi and Kamlesh Jain, has done a great job keeping the players in shape through the 2023 ODI World Cup and this T20 World Cup," a BCCI source told TOI. The prevention test has become the most important tool. There are tests like overhead squat, walking lunges, glute bridge hold and half kneeling medicine ball throw. These are short tests but it is observed if the player could hold his posture correctly through the tests. If the players struggles to do so, it's a warning sign that the player could be risking an injury.

The GPS vests and whoop bands provide information about running, bowling metrics and players taking responsibility of their off-field activities like sleep and recovery.

According to sources, surgery is the last option. Like in the cases of Bumrah, Hardik, Ravindra Jadeja and Shreyas Iyer, the medical team tried to work around these battery tests in 2022-23.

"There are data and tests galore to ensure that the player is in prime shape when he takes the field. The performance testing battery and prevention testing battery played a big role in players



India had all its resources fit and available for selection for T20 World Cup, which was lifted by Rohit Sharma's team

going out on the field and performing without worrying about breaking down," the source said.

### Dravid, Rohit devised 'rotation' blueprint in Feb 2022

Outgoing Team India head coach Rahul Dravid and captain Rohit Sharma had prepared a blueprint for the pool of players in Feb 2022. "The captain and coach had sat down with the strength and conditioning coach and the physios in February. They had marked the India's schedule. Rohit and Dravid had given them a pool of players. The support

staff was told to ensure those players are available and in the best shape for the T20 World Cup in 2022. The process continued for ODI World Cup in 2023 and now this T20 World Cup. Thus, each series was marked for the players to play in," a source said.

While all the attention was on India's probable top 15 players, the team management was actually working towards like-for-like options for every player. In effect, the team management had been looking at about 30 players.

"It was decided that if the trainers and physios feel a player

is about to hit his threshold, he would be rested straightaway. If any player reveals any discomfort, the team management is willing to rest him at that very point. It's better to err on the side of caution," the source added.

Dravid and Rohit have been handicapped due to injuries to Bumrah and Jadeja in 2022 T20 World Cup before losing Rishabh Pant and Pandya in the ODI World Cup last year. But they stuck to their plans of protecting and preparing players for India to finally lift an ICC trophy in Barbados last Saturday.

## INDIAN TEAM'S RETURN DISRUPTED BY HURRICANE

**Bridgetown:** Indian cricket fans might have to wait a little longer to see their T20 World Cup-winning heroes back in the country as the Rohit Sharma-led side's travel plans have been impacted by a hurricane here. Reports said that hurricane Beryl, originating in the Atlantic, had intensified with maximum sustained winds of 210 kmph. The Category 4 hurricane was about 570km east-southeast of Barbados and there are reports that the airport in Bridgetown will shut in the evening.

The team was supposed to take an Emirates flight from New York. A source said that the plan now is to fly the team back to India on a charter flight. "The team was supposed to leave from Bridgetown to New York and then reach India via Dubai. But now the plan is to get a charter flight straight from here to Delhi. A meeting with PM Narendra Modi is also being considered," a source said. AGENCIES

## Seniors will be there in CT & WTC: Shah

**Bridgetown:** BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Monday asserted that "seniors will be there" in next year's Champions Trophy and the World Test Championship final if India qualifies for it.

Talking to the media here, Shah lauded the contribution of senior players in the side's T20 World Cup triumph at the end of which skipper Rohit senior batter Virat Kohli and all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja announced their retirement from the shortest format's international assignments. "Transition has already happened with three greats retiring," Shah said when asked about his thoughts on the team's next phase. "The way this team is progressing, our target is to win the World Test Championship final and Cham-

pions Trophy. There will be a similar squad playing there. The seniors will be there."

### 'Selectors to pick new captain'

On Hardik Pandya's chances of taking over captaincy from Rohit in the T20 format, Shah said: "Captaincy will be decided by the selectors. You asked about Hardik, there were lot of questions over his form but we and selectors showed faith in him and he proved himself."

### 'New coach from SL series'

The Indian team will have a new head coach from the limited overs series in Sri Lanka starting later this month, Shah said on Monday but did not reveal who has been finalised to succeed the outgoing Rahul Dravid. AGENCIES

## India complete formalities vs SA

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**Chennai:** In the first two sessions on the opening day of their one-off Test against South Africa, hosts India had ascertained their supremacy. They buried the visitors under an avalanche of runs (603/6 decl) and then the bowlers took over to flatten the opposition's batting line-up. A late fight back from South Africa notwithstanding, India cruised to a 10-wicket win here on Monday.

With this win, India extended their domination over SA, while the visitors remained winless in their tour.

Resuming at the overnight score of 232/2, and trailing India by 105 runs, South Africa lost a flurry of wickets in the first session but fought hard before folding up (37). The Indian women broke no sweat to chase down a mere 37 runs and wrap up the contest.

Earlier, SA skipper Laura Wolvaardt (122, 314b, 16x4), who



Sneha Rana (left) and Shafal Verma on the final day of the Chennai Test

was just seven runs away from her century, started the proceedings with Marizanne Kapp (31). Kapp's stay was cut short by Deepti Sharma with a delivery that kept low and turned sharply to trap the SA batter in the front. In the next over, Delhi Tucker was sent back for a duck, the second time in this match by Sneha Rana. After a few subdued overs, the

visitors lost Wolvaardt, who fell to Rajeshwari Gayakwad's guile. SA were starting down the barrel at 281 for five, but their lower order offered resistance and held. There was a lull period in the afternoon session when they accumulated just 34 runs in almost 30 overs.

Nadine de Klerk (61, 185b, 8x4, 1x5) played a determined knock in her vigorous attempt to erase the deficit and secure a draw for the Proteas. Her watertight defence and play-it-safe approach frustrated the Indian bowlers.

Double-century Shafal Verma claimed her maiden Test wicket by dislodging Masabata Kaas bails with a delivery that spun from outside the off-stump. Two overs later Rajeshwari ended the resistance by cleaning up de Klerk's wicket.

**Brief scores:** India 603/6 decl, & 37/0 in 9.2 overs bt SA 266 & 373 in 154.4 overs (Wolvaardt 122, Lucas 109, de Klerk 61, Gayakwad 2-55, Deepti 2-95, Rana 2-111).

## Karthik is RCB's batting coach

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**Bengaluru:** Over a month after calling time on his career, wicket-keeper-batter Dinesh Karthik is back with his team Royal Challengers Bengaluru as a batting coach and mentor. The Bengaluru-based franchise revealed Karthik's role on Monday. He replaces South Africa's Neil McKenzie. The 39-year-old, an inspirational figure in the RCB set-up since he returned to the fold in 2022 in a defined role of a finisher, is the second-most capped IPL player. He also played for RCB in the 2015-16 season.

The addition of Karthik is a welcome move, considering the franchise has been inclined towards foreigners for key backroom roles. Karthik, who has scored 4,842 runs in 257 IPL appearances, apart from a rich international exposure, comes with the experience of being a seasoned warhorse in domestic cricket for Tamil Nadu.

With the Indian batters giving a good account of themselves in the 2024 IPL season, the appointment of Karthik will strengthen RCB's line-up further. Apart from his batting and wicketkeeping skills,



**NEW ROLE:** Dinesh Karthik will replace South Africa's Neil McKenzie

Karthik thrives under pressure, a quality which the youngsters can pick up. He will work alongside the coaching team led by Andy Flower.

On his maiden foray into professional coaching, Karthik, in a statement, said, "Coaching at a professional level is incredibly exciting for me and is something I'm truly passionate about as a new chapter in my life. The breadth of my experiences as a player can contribute to the development of

the group and bring added value." "I believe that cricket success hinges not only on technical proficiency but also on match intelligence and composure. I am eager to coach and mentor our batting group, helping them to not only refine their method but also to develop the keen match awareness needed to excel under pressure. It's also great that I can continue my association with RCB," he added.

## No Spot For Virat Kohli Despite Match-Winning Knock In Final vs SA

**Dubai:** The International Cricket Council has picked six Indians in its 'Team of the Tournament' for the just-concluded T20 World Cup but there was no place for star batter Virat Kohli, who played a match-winning knock in the final against South Africa. In his new role as an opener, Kohli had an underwhelming World Cup before rising to the occasion in the big final where he was adjudged man-of-the-match for his 59-ball 76.

India pipped South Africa by seven runs in a sensational comeback in the death overs to win their second T20 World Cup title after 17 years. The ICC XI featured Indian skipper Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel and two pacers in Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh.

Rohit led from the front with 257 runs at a splendid strike-rate of 156.7 to his name. He was the second most leading run-getter after Afghanistan's Rahmanullah Gurbaz. The Player of

the Tournament and India's trump card in their title win, Bumrah returned with 15 wickets. But more than his wickets, his impact in restricting the scoring rate of teams made Bumrah India's most important player right through the tournament. His economy rate of 4.17 was the best ever by any bowler in a single edition of the T20 World Cup.

Following their historic semifinal finish, Afghanistan found three players in the ICC team, including left-arm quick Fazalhaq Farooqi, who topped the wicket-takers chart jointly with Arshdeep (17 wickets each). Wicketkeeper-batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz, who topped the runs scorers' list with 281 runs as an opener for Afghanistan, also found a place alongside skipper Rashid Khan. The crafty leg-spinner brilliantly led Afghanistan in their historic run and returned with 14 wickets with a tidy economy of 6.17.

**Team:** Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh (all Indians); Rahmanullah Gurbaz, Rashid Khan, Fazalhaq Farooqi (Afghanistan); Marcus Stoinis (Australia) and Nicholas Pooran (West Indies); 12th man: Anrich Nortje. AGENCIES

## OUTSIDE THEIR COMFORT ZONE IN SEARCH OF GLORY

### Paris Olympics-Bound Indian Boxers Cook Meals, Bond With Neeraj & Sindhu In Germany

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**New Delhi:** In their quest to excel and succeed on the global sporting stage, athletes the world over often go outside their comfort zones, leaving behind the familiarity of home comfort. While it's a norm to stay away from family, social gatherings and functions, the hardest part for Indian athletes training abroad often is the non-availability of home-cooked food.

The Paris Olympics-bound Indian boxers, and their coaches and support staff, have ensured that they don't feel the absence of their favourite daal, rice, sabzi, roti and chicken in faraway Saarbrücken. They have tied up with an Indian restaurant in

the German city. They have taken along a chef (Diks hant) from NIS Patiala who was cooking for the boxers at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) run facility and is well aware of the dietary requirements of the boxers.

Five of the six Olympics-bound pugilists - Nikhat Zareen (50kg), Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), Preeti Pawar (54kg), Jaismine Lamboria (57kg) and Nishant Dev (71kg) are at the German Olympic Centre in Saarbrücken for a month long camp, which started on June 28, as part of their final preparations for the Games. They will train alongside the national squads of Ireland, USA, Mongolia, Germany and Denmark among others.



Neeraj Chopra with Indian boxers and support staff in Saarbrücken

The Boxing Federation of India (BFI), during a recent tour to the facility last year, had identified a Punjabi restaurant in Saarbrücken run by a family from Chandigarh - where the Indian boxers can go and have their favourite meals. Separately, considering their month-

long stay, the coaches have bought enough ration from an Indian grocery store - including pulses, rice and spices for the chef to cook at the facility. The boxers, too, sometimes cook the food of their choice after their sparring sessions.

One part of the kitchen has been given to the boxing contingent for cooking. Retiring Olympic and world champion Neeraj Chopra and two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu are also training at the same facility and along with their support staff, they have been eating their meals with the country's boxers.

One full block, belonging to the football federation, has been given to the boxers. The entire building belongs to

them till they move to the Olympic Village on July 22. "All facilities are within walking distance. The athletes have to just train, eat well, rest and recover and remain focused," said a BFI official.

The boxers go out on leisure walks and sightseeing with Neeraj and Sindhu during their free time. They have an overnight camp stay also planned as part of team bonding. "It's the best place to train, that's why Neeraj and Sindhu also chose to train there with their support staff. Saarbrücken offers the same climate and timezone as Paris. The boxers will reach the Olympic village in Paris by train only an hour and 48 minutes travel time from Saarbrücken," the official added.

## Delighted with OCA's response on recognition to yoga: IOA prez Usha

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Usha said the proposal will move through IOA's sports committee to OCA's general assembly meeting. It has been learnt that PM Modi was keen on yoga's inclusion in the Games programme. IOA promptly took this initiative keeping in mind that OCA is headed by Singh - a former secretary general of IOA and former member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

"I am delighted that the OCA has spontaneously agreed to India's request to give yoga the recognition it deserves. The inclusion of yoga was an important step as it helps the competitive sporting community to embrace yoga. It has a universal appeal and people around the world have embraced yoga and drawn benefits," Usha said in a statement.

By 2030, a total of 15 medals each (5 gold, 5 silver and 5 bronze) will be on offer in both men's and women's events for traditional yogasana, artistic yogasana (single and pair), rhythmic yogasana (pair, free flow, group yogasana), individual all-round championships and team championships.

In December 2020, the ministries of youth affairs and sports, and AYUSH, had formally recognised 'yogasana' as a competitive sport, paving the way for its inclusion as a medal-event discipline in some of the domestic competi-



**GAINING MOMENTUM:** Young athletes at the yoga Nationals

tions such as Khelo India's school and university games and National Games.

A National Yogasana Sport Federation of India (NYSFI) has been established for preservation and development of yoga as a competitive sport. The federation was recognised by the sports ministry as a national sports federation (NSF) in Nov 2020. International Yogasana Sports Federation (IYSF) was formed in Nov 2019, with yoga guru Baba Ramdev as its president and Dr H R Nagendra as secretary general.

The development marks an important chapter for yoga, which is believed to have started with the dawn of Indian civilisation and whose origin can be traced thousands of years ago. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) had declared June 21 as the 'International Yoga Day' on December 11, 2014 at the behest of PM Modi during his address to UNGA that year.

## Afghan women cricketers urge ICC to set up refugee team in Aus

**Melbourne:** With the dream of once again donning the Afghanistan jersey at the international level, 17 women cricketers from the country living in self-imposed exile in Australia have written to the ICC to help set up a team, which was disbanded after the Taliban takeover in 2021. While the Afghanistan

men's team has set new benchmarks and recently made it to the T20 World Cup semifinals for the first time, the women players, who were contracted to the Afghanistan Cricket Board before the Taliban takeover, sought refuge in Australia, where they hope to set up a refugee team and play international cricket. AGENCIES





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## As nation moves to new laws, Delhi Police files 300 cases

### 1st FIR Against Street Vendor, Later Cancelled

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**New Delhi:** A shooting incident and a fatal accident were among a dozen-odd FIRs registered under the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) in the

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early hours of Monday. From midnight to noon, police had filed over 100 FIRs under the new laws, sources said.

While Delhi Police brass didn't release an official figure of the total number of FIRs registered on Day 1, sources pegged the number at around 300, including e-FIRs. Several senior police officers confirmed that it was business as usual in terms of FIR registration. While the shooting incident that left a man

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► Gwalior police registers country's first case under Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita at 10 minutes past midnight about the theft of a Yamaha sports bike around ₹1.8 lakh

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a ruckus at a public place

► Chhattisgarh's first case at 12.30am under Sec 296 and 351(2) by a tractor showroom salesman that he was abused and threatened

► First FIR in Mumbai filed at 2.28am by a food vendor from Girgaum who lost ₹73,000 to a cyber fraud

► Gujarat Police file first FIR at 1am against a motorcyclist for obstructing a public road

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### Ggn's 1st case against a juvenile for murder

A 16-year-old boy allegedly strangled to death a nine-year-old girl, his neighbour in a housing society in Gurgaon, on Monday after she walked in on him trying to steal from the flat. He tried to set her body on fire with campor and cloth. The case was the first to be registered in the city under the new law. **P 6**

### Yoga all set to become Asiad sport as early as 2026

**New Delhi:** The ancient practice of yoga was on Monday included in the future Asian Games programme at an executive board meeting of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), headed by acting president Randhir Singh, reports **Sabi Hussain**. The OCA general assembly, scheduled in Delhi on Sept 8, is expected to ratify yoga's inclusion in the Games as a competitive sport.

Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha, who had written to the OCA chief on June 26 for inclusion of yoga in Asiad, confirmed the development.

Sources said yoga is set to be included as a demonstration sport at the 2026 Games to be held in Nagoya, Japan. It is likely to become a competitive sport with medal rounds at Doha in 2030.

► **Delighted, P 22**

### NEET retest: 60% improve scores, but can't match what they got with grace marks

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**New Delhi:** 60% of the 813 NEET applicants who took the re-test after the grace marks awarded to them were rescinded have improved upon their original score, excluding the grace marks. They include 4 of 5 whose score after the addition of grace marks totalled 720, the maximum possible in the test. Marks of another member of the 720 club came down by just 4. However, none of them could match the scores they had with the addition of grace marks.

The increases over what they had scored minus the grace marks range between 10 and 40 marks. Although the NTA, unlike in the case of the general NEET, has not released scores, 11 candidates are learnt to have scored 670 or above.

► **No change in toppers, P 20**

### CBI summons two Hazaribag teachers

CBI summoned to Patna for interrogation Monday two more teachers of Oasis school in Hazaribag whose principal & vice-principal were held last week in the NEET-UG case. It is also preparing dossiers on "three well-known residents" suspected to be involved in the paper leak. **P 16**

### Ex-BJP MP: Leak key reason for UP loss

Paper leak was "the most important" reason for BJP's poor show in UP in the LS elections, said the party's ex-MP from Kannauj, Subrat Pathak, who lost to SP chief Akhilesh Yadav this time. In a series of posts on X, Pathak accepted that paper leaks had become endemic in India. **P 16**

### Aus doubles visa fees for int'l students; Indians to be hit

**Melbourne:** Australia has more than doubled the cost of student visa fees for international students from \$710 to \$1,600, a move that will impact lakhs of Indians planning to study in this country.

The move has triggered outrage among student representatives, who say the hike will drive potential students to competitors, ABC News reported. The federal govt said additional revenue will help fund initiatives in education, including cuts to graduate debt, financial support for apprentices and implementation of its migration strategy. According to the Indian mission in Canberra, the number of Indian students enrolled in Australia is estimated at 1.2 lakh as of Aug 2023, making Indian students the second largest cohort of foreign students. **P 11**

► **'Drive pupils to UK', P 17**

### PhD scholar held for abortion, wife's death

Ratnavath Harisingh, a PhD scholar, was arrested in Telangana's Suryapet Monday for forcing his wife to undergo an abortion after finding out she was carrying a girl. The botched process resulted in the woman's death. Five others, including doctors and technicians, were also arrested. The man who conducted the sex determination test is absconding. **P 16**

### 9 ill after Rourkela Steel Plant gas leak

Nine people, including three Rourkela Steel Plant staffers, fell ill after inhaling noxious gas leaking from a blast furnace on Monday. Eight of them were admitted to ICU and are stable; another was discharged. Repair work was going on when the incident took place. **TNN**

### Share of women directors up over 3x

Govt's mandate to have women on corporate boards pushed up their share to 15.7% and helped big firms report healthier finances, according to a paper by three NCAER economists. Since the mandate kicked in from 2015, the share of women directors rose over 3x. **P 19**

### Christian gets death in Pak for 'blasphemy'

An anti-terrorism court in Pakistani has sentenced a Christian man to death for sharing what it said was a "blasphemous" social media post containing hateful content against Muslims that allegedly sparked riots in Faisalabad district's Jaranwala last August. **P 17**



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# Shah counters oppn, says new laws duly debated in House

## Oppn: 146 MPs Were Under Suspension

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New Delhi: As the new criminal laws came into force on Monday, home minister Amit Shah dismissed the opposition's charge that they were "forcibly" pushed through Parliament amid the suspension of 146 Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs, saying that discussions on the laws had involved all stakeholders and lasted four years, making it possibly the longest consultation exercise in post-Independence India.

Shah, however, said he was open to suggestions from members of the opposition on how to further improve criminal justice delivery. "My doors are always open and I am ready to meet anyone who wants and also review (the laws). But please desist from giving a political colour to the criminal justice reforms," he appealed to the opposition while addressing a presser here.

Stating that discussions on the law had started in 2020 with the govt seeking suggestions from members of Parliament, chief ministers, Chief Justice of India and Chief Justices of high courts, IPS officers and collectors, Shah shared that "several meetings were held to draft the bills based on their suggestions".

"...I myself presided over 158 such meetings," Shah said hours after the first FIR under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) was registered at a police station in Gwalior, MP. The FIR, lodged at 12.10 am, re-



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## Full rollout of new laws in UTs by Aug 15

Home minister Amit Shah on Monday said all the UTs are expected to fully roll out the three criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniam—by August 15, though a country-wide 100% implementation may take 3-4 years as the entire criminal justice infrastructure gets an upgrade as per requirements of the new laws, reports **Bharti Jain**.

Shah said that the states will have flexibility to start by notifying a police station for full rollout of the new criminal laws, followed by a tehsil, a district and, ultimately, the entire state. This will require upgrade of the courts, which is in the works since 2020 in consultation with the Supreme Court and the necessary software having been readied.

lates to a motorcycle theft.

The first FIR registered in Delhi under BNS against a street vendor was, however, withdrawn after a review by the Delhi Police, according to the home minister.

On the opposition's charge that the bills were bulldozed through Parliament after suspending 146 MPs—Shah said the parties knew in advance that the bills would be brought in Parliament and their MPs possibly indulged in unruly behaviour to elicit their suspension and skip the debate. The opposition, however, was part of the parliamentary standing committee meetings that examined the bills over 2.5 months. "The govt accepted 95% suggestions made by the opposition members and the

bills were brought before Parliament after incorporating 83 changes," said Shah.

Shah said the laws, by incorporating technological upgrades relevant for the next 50 years, would make the Indian criminal justice system one of the most modern in the world. With timelines prescribed for investigation and trial, "the complete process from filing of FIR till the final disposal of case by the courts should not take more than three years," noted Shah.

On the DMK's reservations to Hindi nomenclature of the new laws, the home minister said even these could be discussed. "But the Tamil Nadu CM or any MP from the state has not approached me yet," he underlined.

## Remand time still remains 15 days: Min

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday clarified that the maximum 15-day police remand period under Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) will remain the same as was provided for in Section 167 of the erstwhile Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).

Addressing a press conference hours after the three new criminal laws came into force, Shah said unnecessary confusion was being created to give the impression that the time-period for police remand had been extended under BNSS.

"I want to clarify that in BNSS also the remand period is 15 days. Earlier if an accused was sent to police remand and he would get himself admitted in a hospital for 15 days... there could be no interrogation as his remand period would expire. Also, sometimes two accused are arrested and need to be interrogated together. The new law now provides for the same 15-day police remand, but the detention can be in the whole, or in parts, at any time during the initial 40 days or 60 days out of the detention period of 60 days or 90 days," said Shah.

Former law minister Kapil Sibal had last year raised concerns regarding Section 187 of BNSS dealing with police remand, while alleging that then proposed criminal laws would promote use of draconian police powers for political ends.

## Terror clearly defined under BNS, says Shah

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah said terrorism was included as an offence in BNS to ensure that no terror accused escaped punishment for the lack of a clear definition of 'terrorist act' in the criminal laws, particularly as most terror conspiracies were hatched on foreign soil.

"Our govt follows a zero-tolerance policy against terror. There are many terror inci-

## On Day 1, big drop in Odisha FIRs

All 676 police stations in Odisha used to register at least 520 cases daily until June 30. Number under BNS dropped to 55 on Monday and only 5 arrests made across state, compared to at least 600 daily in the past. **TNN**

dents for which the conspiracy is hatched outside the country. If terrorism is not defined to include such conspiracies, then the conspirators cannot be brought to justice," Shah said.

"It should be our aim to make the country terror-free and hand out the harshest punishment to terrorists," said Shah. The BNS has revised the provisions dealing with terrorism to bring it in line with the provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 by altering the definition of a 'terrorist act'. **TNN**

## Badrinath deity sole owner of offerings: Court

Dehradun: Badri Vishal, the deity of the Badrinath temple, "exclusively holds the rights to all offerings, gifts, and donations made by devotees", a court in Chamoli ruled while hearing a case that arose from a dispute involving claims from priests' outfit Nepali Lal Mohariya Panda Samaj (NLMPs) over donations received at the Nepali Ashram, reports **Pankul Sharma**.

The verdict said, "Solely, Badri Vishal possesses the absolute prerogative over all such articles... Given that the idol in the mandir is a legal entity, the mandir retains exclusive authority over the offerings and no other individual can assert entitlement over it."

The litigation began when two brothers, Hari Prasad Dimari and Ballabh Prasad, from NLMPs, claimed their right to donations received by the Nepali Ashram in 2017, asserting it as a long-standing tradition. In 2018, the brothers filed a suit against NLMPs and the Nepali Ashram, arguing that their share from lakhs in donations were being withheld.

## FIRST DAY FIRST SHOW

TOI takes a look at the first FIRs registered under the new Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which kicked in across India on July 1



<b>PUNJAB</b> <b>11.47am. Police station</b>   Sadar Dhuri, Sangrur district <b>Case</b>   Theft of tube well pump motor's wire <b>BNS section applied</b>   303(2) (theft) <b>Earlier IPC sec 303 dealt with a different crime:</b> "Whoever, being under sentence of imprisonment for life, commits murder, shall be punished with death..."	Mangalagiri, Guntur district <b>Case</b>   Negligent driving causing death (B Mahesh Babu, 36, charged after his wife died as the car he was driving turned turtle due to a tyre-burst near Atmakur) <b>BNS section</b>   106 (1)	<b>stations</b>   Panaji and Margao <b>Case</b>   Obstructing the public (a coconut vendor and a man selling plastic on streets) <b>BNS section</b>   285
<b>KARNATAKA</b> <b>9.15am. Police station</b>   Hassan Rural <b>Case</b>   Fatal accident involving rash driving by hired driver; 60-year-old homemaker Y Indu, returning from Bengaluru airport to her Halebid home, died after her car fell off a bridge <b>BNS sections</b>   281 (rash driving or riding), 106 (causing death by negligence)	<b>CHHATTISGARH</b> <b>12.30am. Police station</b>   Rengakhur, Kabirdham district <b>Case</b>   Assault and verbal abuse; first case under BNS in a Maoist-hit region in India <b>BNS sections</b>   296 and 351(2)	<b>RAJASTHAN</b> <b>10.22am. Police station</b>   Sadri, Pali district <b>Case</b>   Assault on a farmer <b>BNS sections</b>   115(2) (voluntarily causing hurt); 126(2) (wrongful restraint); 324(4) and (5) (mischief causing property damage)
<b>BENGAL</b> <b>12.05am. Police station</b>   Bansdroni, south Kolkata <b>Case</b>   Cheating (40-year-old woman claimed to have lost Rs 2.4 lakh after several people, four of whom were named in FIR, cheated her) <b>BNS sections</b>   61(2)(a), 204, 316(2), 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340(2)	<b>TAMIL NADU</b> <b>1.10am. Police station</b>   Thousand Lights, Chennai <b>Case</b>   Mobile phone snatching <b>BNS section</b>   304(2) (snatching) <b>Other notable case</b>   First arrest in TN under BNS by Ice House police in Chennai for filming a woman without her consent (section 77)	<b>HIMACHAL PRADESH</b> <b>1.58am. Police Station</b>   Dhanotu, Mandi district <b>Case</b>   Assault <b>BNS section</b>   126(2), 115(2), 352, 351(2)
<b>ANDHRA PRADESH</b> <b>9am. Police station</b>	<b>GUJARAT</b> <b>12.15am. Police station</b>   Chiloda, Gandhinagar <b>Case</b>   Obstructing the public (Nikul Bihola was sitting on his parked motorcycle on Mota Chiloda-Dehgam road) <b>BNS section</b>   285 (Danger or obstruction in public way)	<b>TELANGANA</b> <b>12.30am. Police station</b>   Charminar, Hyderabad <b>Case</b>   Driving without number plates <b>BNS section</b>   281 (rash driving or riding)
	<b>GOA</b> <b>11.10am and 11.28am. Police</b>	<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b> <b>9.51am. Police station</b>   Rahra, Amroha <b>Case</b>   Death due to negligence (farmer Jagpal Singh, 48, electrocuted in his field; neighbour Rajveer Singh and his son charged; they had put electric fence) <b>BNS section</b>   106

## MAHA STOPS DEEKSHABHOOMI WORK AFTER AMBEDKARITE STIR



Maharashtra govt swiftly froze on Monday ongoing development works at Deekshabhoomi, hours after Ambedkarite organisations held mammoth protests outside the iconic Buddhist stupa, considered the largest in Asia, reports **Vaibhav Ganjapure**. While announcing an immediate stay on the project, deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnis said the Rs 200cr Deekshabhoomi beautification and development plan was prepared in consultation with Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak Samiti, which monitored the works. "Samiti members finalised its blueprint and the govt provided funds. The protests are specifically against the underground parking, which protesters claim poses a threat to the adjacent stupa," he said. Leader of opposition Vijay Wadettiwar warned the Mahayuti govt of a law-and-order crisis if the works were not halted. "Govt's inaction has triggered distress among Dr Ambedkar's followers. Disregarding public sentiment and going ahead with the project could escalate into a serious situation," he stated. Responding to a query, Fadnis said, "A meeting will be held between representatives of protesters and the Samiti. A final decision will be taken after considering everyone's opinion."

## Pol interference in service issue undesirable: HC

Bengaluru: Political interference in service matters is undesirable as much as irrelevant factors that impact public administration and the interest of the employer, the Karnataka high court observed recently.

A division bench, while allowing a writ appeal filed by the KFCSCSL, observed, "Nowadays, this court has been observing that employees are invoking political influence in matters of transfer and posting, which essentially belong to the exclusive domain of the employer/competent authority."

On July 12, 2002 M Veena, a junior assistant at KFCSCSL, was transferred from Bengaluru to Mangaluru. Without reporting for duty at Mangaluru, Veena applied for leave on medical grounds and produced a medical certificate. KFCSCSL doubted its genuineness and consequently she was examined by a medical board. After the board certified that her claim for leave was not justified, Veena was not justified, Veena was handed compulsory retirement in July 2004. **TNN**